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EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE, AT FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.,
AND CONTINUED IT'S SESSIONS UNTIL THE THIRTEENTH DAY
OF OCTOBER, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was called to order at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was
opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Isaac S. Hartley.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—*Ministers*, A. J. Sebring, T. S. Dusen-
berre, Polhemus Van Wyck. *Elder*, William E. Miller.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—*Ministers*, Calvin E. Lasher, James Demarest, Jr., D. D., Victor M. Hulbert, D. D. *Elders*, George F. Shultis, Elijah DuBois, James Oliver.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—*Ministers*, Herman C. Berg, Charles I. Shepard.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—*Ministers*, Cornelius L. Wells, D. D., David N. Vanderveer, Anson DuBois, D. D.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—*Ministers*, T. W. Chambers, D. D., John H. Oerter, D. D., John Forsyth, D. D., Julius W. Geyer. *Elder*, Henry Camerden, Jr.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—*Ministers*, Peter H. Milliken, Walter S. Brown.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—*Ministers*, Henry Ward, Chas. W. Fritts, Joachim Elmendorf, D. D. *Elders*, J. B. Jones, Samuel Drury, Walter Brett.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—*Minister*, Lawrence H. Van Dyke.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—*Minister*, James B. Campbell.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—*Ministers*, Isaac S. Hartley, D. D., H. DeVries.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—*Ministers*, J. H. Van Doren, Ransford Wells, D. D.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—*Ministers*, B. Van Zandt, D. D., M. G. Hansen, Geo. J. Van Neste.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—*Ministers*, R. M. Stanbrough, A. D. Minor, R. A. Pearse, Denis Wortman, D. D. *Elders*, P. S. Wiers, George Timmerman, Jacob T. Schuyler.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—*Ministers*, John Steele, D. D., Edward A. Collier, Wm. Veenschoten. *Elders*, William H. Rainey, H. W. Masten.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—*Ministers*, Selah W. Strong, George I. Taylor.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—*Ministers*, John C. Lowe, Samuel L. Gamble, H. Vandewart. *Elder*, B. J. Romeyn.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—*Ministers*, E. N. Sebring, A. F. Todd. *Elders*, Hon. P. S. Danforth, James Waterbury.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—*Ministers*, J. C. F. Hoes, D. D., S. H. Cobb, B. B. Staats. *Elder*, Cor. Van Gaasbeck.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF CHICAGO.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—*Minister*, Chr. Van der Veen.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—*Minister*, Philip Phelps, Jr., D. D.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—*Ministers*, Peter Moerdyk, Charles Scott, D. D., A. Paige Peeke.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—*Ministers*, Leopold Mohn, Wm. R. Gordon, S. T. D., Wm. V. V. Mabon, D. D. *Elder*, Isaac D. Demarest.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—*Ministers*, Wm. R. Duryee, D.D., Henry M. Cox, Cornelius Brett. *Elder*, John V. R. Vreeland.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—*Ministers*, Wm. H. Ballagh, Garret C. Schanck, D.D., Elias Mead.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—*Elders*, William H. Kirk, William Robb.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—*Ministers*, Edward T. Corwin, D.D., John E. Lyall, William R. Taylor. *Elder*, H. Garretson.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—*Ministers*, Asher Anderson, George M. S. Blauvelt. *Elders*, John W. Ferdon, G. Van Nostrand.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—*Ministers*, James Demarest, John N. Jansen.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Ministers*, Benjamin C. Lippincott, Abm. R. Van Nest, D. D.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—*Ministers*, John F. Mesick, D. D., Charles T. Anderson, William E. Davis.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, *Presided*; Rev. James Demarest, Jr., was present as *Adsector*; Rev. Peter Moerdyk and Rev. Asher Anderson, the latter appointed in the place of Rev. R. Doig, acted as *Clerks pro tem*.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

These were the same as at the last regular Session.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President announced that the Synod had convened in compliance with the following call :

The Rev. Chester D. Hartranft, D. D., having declined the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, to which office he was elected by the General Synod at its late session in June, at Hudson, N. Y., by resolution of this same Synod (see printed Minutes, p. 763), I herewith convoke an Extra Session of General Synod, to be held in the First Reformed (Dutch) Church at Schenectady, N. Y., on Wednesday, October 12th, at 5 P. M., for the purpose of filling the vacancy above alluded to, and for the transaction of such other business as Synod may deem proper.

ISAAC S. HARTLEY, *President*.

UTICA, N. Y., September 17, 1881.

The President also laid before Synod the following letters received from Rev. Dr. Hartranft :

DRESDEN, June 29th, 1881.

To the Rev. Dr. Isaac S. Hartley, President of the General Synod, the Rev. Dr. Talbot W. Chambers, and others of the Committee :

DEAR BRETHREN : Your letter extending to me the call of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America to the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., has been received. My mother church overwhelms and humbles me by her unmerited favor. Her voice shall receive the most dutiful, filial consideration. I can hardly promise a final decision until after my return to America. I must thank you all for your earnest and courteous words.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

C. D. HARTRANFT.

HARTFORD, Sept. 3, 1881.

To the Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D. D., President ; the Rev. James Demarest, Jr., D. D., Adressor ; the Rev. Paul D. Van Cleej, D. D., Stated Clerk ; the Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D. D., the Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, D. D., the Elder, W. H. Kirk, the Elder, R. B. Shepard, Committee of the General Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN : After a full consideration of the call to the James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, which the General Synod of the Reformed Church has extended me, I am reluctantly compelled to decline it.

Do not think me unmoved by the honor which the Church of my nativity has conferred upon me ; it is not without a deep struggle, and only from the conviction that the claims of my present chair are overshadowing, that I thus return the commission with which you would intrust me.

May the good-will of Him who dwelt in the bush, give you a wiser and better man.

With grateful greetings to the Church, and with high esteem for yourselves,

I am your servant in Christ,

CHESTER D. HARTRANFT.

A communication was received from the Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., asking to be excused from serving on the Committee to publish the simplified questions and answers, and the Committee appointed by the last General Synod in reference to the Heidelberg Catechism, p. 786. His request was complied with, as to the latter Committee, and the Rev. Herman C. Berg was appointed by the president in his place, Rev. T. W. Chambers being chairman.

A communication was received from Rev. E. N. Potter, D.D., President of Union College, inviting the Synod to visit the Departments and Collections of the College.

On motion the invitation was accepted with thanks, and the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. on Thursday, was appointed for the visit.

The Synod in a body proceeded to the Alumni and Memorial Hall, where the members were courteously received by President Potter, the Hon. Judge Landon, and members of the Faculty, and were escorted through the various College buildings.

The President having been instructed to inform the Rev. Dr. Mabon of his election, sent the following letter:

To the Rev. William V. V. Mabon, D. D.

MY DEAR BROTHER: As President of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, now in session in the city of Schenectady, New York, I have been requested to inform you of your election to the office of Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, in our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

In extending to you my personal and sincere congratulations, I would ask whether you would accept the position of trust to which the Synod with great unanimity has called you. Awaiting your early reply,

Very sincerely and truly yours,

ISAAC S. HARTLEY.

SCHENECTADY, Oct. 13, 1881.

The following was received from the Professor elect in reply:

To the Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D. D., President of the General Synod.

MY DEAR SIR: The notice which has been conveyed to me by your note of this day's action of General Synod appointing me to the service of the Church in the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology at New Brunswick, N. J., has received my best consideration.

For many reasons I am not at liberty to regard your call as any other than the will of God. While to yourself personally, and to the brethren I am grateful for the favor accorded by you to me from the Lord, I am so sensible of the great importance of the work to be done, as to be obliged to look for not a single moment to any strength or capacity of my own, but simply to the great source of light and ability Himself; to whom I commend the General Synod and the Churches and myself as their servant "in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." May I beg in conclusion to be allowed until the first day of December to remove from my present charge to the assigned place and sphere of service.

I am, my very dear Brother,

Yours truly,

WM. V. V. MABON.

SCHENECTADY, Oct. 13th, 1881.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF DIRECTION OF THE CORPORATION.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The President of the Board of Direction feels unassured of his position owing to a failure through inadvertence of the Synod at its stated Session to re-elect him; and

Whereas, He is continued in his office by the authority of the 9th by-law (see Appendix to the Digest);

Resolved, That Synod unanimously request Mr. John Van Nest to continue in, and discharge the duties of the office.

The following resolutions were referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be instructed to pay the funeral expenses of the late Prof. Van Zandt.

Resolved, That so long as Prof. Woodbridge may perform the duties of the Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology he shall receive the proceeds of said professorship as his compensation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee of the Board of Direction, to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the funeral expenses of the late Dr. Van Zandt, respectfully report, that in view of the fact that the proposition in the resolution is highly proper, and commends itself to our best judgment, we recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be instructed to pay the funeral expenses of the late Prof. Van Zandt out of any unappropriated funds in their hands.

And further, in the matter of payment for the services of Dr. Woodbridge, your Committee at this stage of our proceedings would recommend that the same be referred to the Board of Direction, until the next meeting of General Synod.

P. S. DANFORTH.	} Committee.
G. VAN NOSTRAND.	
WM. H. KIRK.	

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, Chairman of the Committee to communicate with Rev. Chester D. Hartranft, D. D., and receive his answer to the call presented to him by the General Synod in June last, to become Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, reported that Dr. Hartranft had declined the call. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That Synod proceed to the election of a Professor by making nominations on the evening of the first day of the Session.

At the time appointed Synod proceeded, by ballot, to make nominations, when a number of candidates were named, and the Synod appointed Thursday morning, the second day of the Session, at half-past nine o'clock, as the time for the election.

At that hour, after a season of special prayer, the Synod proceeded to ballot for the election of a Professor. On counting the ballots it appeared that the Rev. William V. V. Mabon, D.D., was elected.

It was then unanimously

Resolved, That the Rev. William V. V. Mabon, D.D., be and he hereby is appointed Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, at New Brunswick.

Resolved, That an instrument certifying the appointment, and specifying the duties of the office, be signed in the presence of the General Synod, by the President thereof, and by him given, in the name of the Church, to the Professor elect.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor elect be the sum derived from the James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, less the expense incurred in the management of the funds, together with the use of a house.

Resolved, That according to the request of the Professor elect his duties shall begin on the first day of December next, and that the salary begin at the same time.

Resolved, That the Professor elect be installed into his office on Tuesday, December 6th, in the Second Reformed Dutch Church at New Brunswick, at such hour as may be agreed upon by the President and Adressor after conference with the Professor elect.

Resolved, That the President of Synod preside and preach the sermon, with the Adressor as his secundus, and that the Rev. William Ormiston, D. D., be appointed to deliver the charge to the Professor, with Rev. William R. Duryee, D. D., as his secundus.

Resolved, That the Elders William H. Kirk, Johnson Letson, and Isaiah Rolfe be a Committee to superintend the removal of Dr. Mabon to New Brunswick, and that the Treasurer of the Board of Direction be instructed to pay the expenses of removal.

Resolved, That the Rev. Professor S. M. Woodbridge be requested to give theological instruction in the Seminary at New Brunswick until the Professor shall be ready to enter upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on the Professorate :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Professorate to consider and report whether any arrangement can be made by which in case there is a failure of instruction in the Theological Seminary by reason of the death or disability of any of the Professors, or any other cause, the Board of Superintendents or a committee of the same may be authorized to meet the exigency for the time being.

The Committee reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows—

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to report :

Your Committee find that all necessary arrangements have been provided by legislation of Synod in the matter referred to them. In ch. vii., sec. 1, Art. 1, part 3, of the Digest it says, "in the recess of Synod the Board of Superintendents may temporarily employ a person or persons to perform the duties of a Professor." Your Committee beg, therefore, to be excused from the consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

CHR. VAN DER VEEN,

Chairman pro tem.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of procuring funds for Hope College made an informal and partial report, which was accepted, and the following resolutions were adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod return cordial thanks to those churches which have already contributed to this fund.

2. *Resolved*, That we reiterate our former earnest recommendation of this cause to all our people as one of vital importance.

The Committee on the Professorate having been instructed to prepare memorial resolutions on the death of the late Professor Van Zandt, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted :

In the matter of a memorial of Rev. A. B. Van Zant, D.D., Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, deceased :

Your Committee on the Professorate recommend that the following minute be entered upon the records of this Synod and

that a copy of the same be forwarded with our fraternal regard to the family of our beloved father in Christ.

After unusual suffering it has pleased the Lord to give eternal rest unto His servant, our late Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology

We desire in this minute to record our gratitude to our Ever-blessed God for the gift of the life of our reverend father, which was devoted with all its powers to the service of the Church of Christ and which adorned unto the end the doctrine of God our Saviour.

We desire to cherish his memory as one of the divinely taught men who have faithfully served in preserving and extending among us the knowledge of the faith once delivered unto the Saints.

We pray that their memories may be precious in our Church until the end of time for their fidelity to the truth as it is in Jesus ; that their spirit of consecration may be continued unto their successors ; and that their labors among us may unceasingly bear fruit in the establishment and defense of the Everlasting Word.

We join with one accord in the sorrow of his bereaved family, whom we commend to the care of the Father, the sympathy of our Lord, and the comfort of the Holy Ghost, and to the affectionate sympathy of the Church.

CHR. VAN DER VEEN,
Chairman pro tem.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Board of Domestic Missions to arrange for a Jubilee meeting at such time and place as they may think proper.

Resolved, That this Synod feels the full importance of maintaining its Church work at the West, and therefore directs its Board of Domestic Missions to carry that work steadily forward in the present juncture of affairs, with all the means at their disposal for this section of the field.

ARTICLE XX.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Publication, and being favorably reported, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be directed, so soon as they shall be furnished with means for the purpose, to issue the authorized Liturgy of our Church in a convenient form for use in the pulpit.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

Rev. J. V. N. Talmadge, D. D., and Rev. David Talmage, from Amoy, being present, were invited by the Synod to sit as corresponding members.

The Synod fixed the bar of the house.

A Committee consisting of Rev. James Demarest, Joachim Elmendorf, W. V. V. Mabon, D. N. Vanderveer, and Elder Peter S. Danforth, was appointed to prepare a minute in relation to the death of the President of the United States.

The Committee reported the following paper, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to express the sense of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in reference to the death of James A. Garfield, late President of the United States, respectfully report for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod avails itself of the opportunity of uniting with other bodies ecclesiastical or political, to pay its tribute of sympathy and grief over the untimely fall from his high place as the constitutional head of this nation, of *one* who had lived long enough to display in his character and accomplishments the full flower of manhood, of culture, and of Christianity.

2. That in his personal energy, public spirit, and moral principle we recognize a glorious ideal for private and official life; and pray that the convulsion by which the hearts of men throughout the Christian world has been so sadly and so deeply

stirred, may result not merely in brightening the bonds of universal human brotherhood, but in the highest Christian influence through our own land everywhere.

3. That in the horror and indignation awakened by the cowardly hand of the assassin, we condemn every act and spirit of lawlessness, to the detestable agency of which the honored head of a nation, toward which the eyes of all peoples are eagerly turned, has fallen a victim in a way so shocking and never to be forgotten.

4. That we find in this event fresh and solemn motives to labor more and more in the Gospel for the purification, by the grace of God, of the hearts of all men out of which our Master has told us proceed those evil thoughts to which murder and all violence must be directly traced.

5. That we join our prayers with all believers in behalf of the family which has been so ruthlessly bereaved of its staff and comforter, and commit them with our whole beloved country to Him whose past goodness, as well as His own word, warrants the confidence that however darkly "He yet does all things well."

JAS. DEMAREST.

D. N. VANDERVEER.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. President Potter, of Union College, for copies of an oration delivered at the commencement of the College, by Alexander H. Rice, LL.D., honorary Chancellor of Union University.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Schenectady, for the use of their Church edifice for the Sessions of the Synod, and also to the Rev. William E. Griffis, the pastor of the church, for his genial attention to the comfort of all the members of Synod, and to the families where they have been so cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Accounts would respectfully recommend that the expenses of the delegates from the particular Synod

of Chicago, in attending the extra session of the General Synod at Schenectady, in October, 1881, be paid according to existing regulations, as follows :

One from the Classis of Grand River	\$28 00
One from the Classis of Holland	\$28 00
Three from the Classis of Michigan, \$28 00 each	\$84 00

They would also recommend the payment of the following bills, viz.:

For janitor	\$6 00
For stationery	\$

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SEBRING, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,300 copies of the minutes of this extra session, and that they be bound up with the minutes of the next regular session.

The minutes were read and approved. The roll was called and none found absent without having been excused.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned too meet in regular session in the First Church of Schenectady, on the first Wednesday in June, 1882, after prayer by Rev. Garret C. Schanck, the singing of the Doxology, and the benediction by the President.

ISAAC S. HARTLEY, *President,*

JAMES DEMAREST, JR., *Adsessor,*

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk.*

PETER MOERDYK, }
 ASHER ANDERSON, } *Clerks pro tem.*

Official Minutes,

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

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DAY OF JUNE, AT FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The President of the last General Synod, Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, opened the session with prayer, and in the evening preached the Synodical sermon, from Hebrews 6 : 1, "Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Particular Synod of New York.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—*Ministers*, James C. Garretson, William Smith, James Wyckoff. *Elders*, Peter Pells, J. R. Gale, Thomas Elmendorf.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—*Ministers*, DeWitt B. Wyckoff, Paul T. Deyo, Victor M. Hulbert, D.D. *Elders*, Samuel Ten Eyck, James Oliver, M. D.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—*Ministers*, M. L. Haines, Geo. D. Hulst, C. D. F. Steinfuhrer. *Elders*, Fred'k A. Lancashire, Thos. S. Shepherd, A. H. Downer.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—*Ministers*, Edward P. Ingersoll, D.D., A. P. Stockwell. *Elders*, Abm. J. Beekman, R. F. Denison, Isaac E. Bergen.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—*Ministers*, Wm. Qrmiston, D.D., Wm. W. Clark, Edw. A. Reed, D.D., Abm. Thompson. *Elders*, Wm. H. Jackson, Wm. Bogardus, H. P. Allen.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—*Ministers*, M. V. Schoonmaker, D.D., Edw. W. Bentley, D.D. *Elders*, J. G. Millspaugh, Wm. H. Woodruff, M.D., W. S. Northrop.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—*Ministers*, Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., Chas. S. Hagenian, D.D., L. Walter Lott. *Elder*, L. D. Barnes.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—*Ministers*, David Cole, D.D., John A. Todd, D.D., Chas. K. Clearwater. *Elders*, Theodotus Burwell, Jacob Storms.

Particular Synod of Albany.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—*Ministers*, Rufus W. Clark, D.D., J. Lansing Pearse, William J. Skillman. *Elders*, Samuel Rankin, Asa Bailey.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—*Ministers*, Isaac S. Hartley, D.D., Evert Van Slyke, C. Otis Thatcher. *Elders*, J. Marcellus, P. Williamson.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—*Ministers*, John B. Thompson, D.D., John H. Salisbury, Benj. Van Zandt, D.D. *Elder*, Frederick Sax.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—*Ministers*, H. P. McAdam, Matthew Kolyn. *Elder*, J. Van Doren.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—*Ministers*, Thomas W. Jones, Francis M. Kip, Jr., Andrew J. Hageman, R. R. Williams. *Elders*, Jacob Hees, P. W. Putman, Chas. Barse.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—*Ministers*, Elbert Nevius, Wm. H. Van Doren, J. B. Drury, D.D. *Elders*, J. T. Ham, Horton Harder.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—*Ministers*, Jas. L. Southard, David K. Van Doren, Geo. I. Taylor. *Elders*, P. C. Ford, J. L. Van Denburg, J. H. Thompson.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—*Ministers*, Peter E. Kipp, Wm. H. Phraner, J. Kelley Rhinehart. *Elders*, J. F. Clute, W. H. Furbeck, Aaron Putnam.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—*Ministers*, W. D. Buckelew, E. N. Sebring, Edward Miller. *Elders*, Hon. P. S. Danforth, Teunis Swart.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—*Ministers*, Andrew M. Arcularius, Jacob N. Voorhis, W. A. Shaw. *Elders*, Otis P. Moore, Henry E. Legg, Cornelius H. Van Gaasbeck.

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Particular Synod of Chicago.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—*Ministers*, Christian Van der Veen, Adrian Kriekard. *Elder*, F. Van Driele.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—*Ministers*, Nicholas M. Steffens, Dirk Broek, John Van der Meulen. *Elder*, Jacob den Herder.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—*Ministers*, Paul F. Shuelke, Geo. Sharpley, John W. Warnshuis. *Elders*, C. Rhynsburger, Andrew Hageman.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—*Ministers*, Daniel Van Pelt, A. Paige Peeke.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—*Ministers*, Bernardus DeBey, Josias Meulendyk, Cornelius Kriekard. *Elder*, A. Van Deursen.

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—*Ministers*, Peter V. Van Buskirk, Francis M. Bogardus. *Elder*, Isaac D. Bogert.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—*Ministers*, Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D., Henry Mattice. *Elder*, Garret E. Winants.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—*Ministers*, Chas. D. Buck, Isaac P. Brokaw, H. A. Hendrickson. *Elders*, John Statesir, Jr., Daniel H. Van Mater.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—*Ministers*, Henry Vehslage, Francis V. Van Vranken, Geo. S. Bishop, D.D. *Elders*, Cornelius T. Williamson, Abm. S. Tanner.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—*Ministers*, Thos. C. Easton, D.D., Jas. LeFevre, Alex. McWilliam. *Elders*, Jas. G. Cortelyou, Jas. Stothoff.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—*Ministers*, William H. Clark, Louis G. Jongeneel. *Elders*, Edo Kip, Peter C. Kievitt, Andrew Winter, E. Jardine.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—*Ministers*, James E. Bernart, John N. Jansen. *Elders*, John Wortman, Wm. J. Snyder.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Ministers*, Abm. R. Van Nest, D.D., Chas. F. C. Suckow, Sidney O. Lawsing. *Elder*, Thos. Cooper.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—*Ministers*, Charles H. Pool, Wm. H. Williamson. *Elder*, David L. Apgar.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived on the Second Day,—*Ministers*, A. P. Stockwell, Wm. A. Shaw, Cornelius Krickard, James Wyckoff. *Elders*, J. R. Gale, A. H. Downer, Asa Bailey, J. Van Doren, J. L. Vandenberg, John Statesir, Jr., Abm. J. Tanner, John Wortman, Wm. J. Snyder.

On the Third Day.—*Ministers*, R. R. Williams, in place of F. M. Kipp, Jr., H. A. Hendrickson.

On the Sixth Day.—*Ministers*, John M. Wagner, I. P. Brokaw. *Elders*, J. H. Thompson, D. H. Van Mater.

On the Seventh Day.—*Minister*, John B. Drury.

EXCUSES.

Excused on the Third Day.—*Ministers*, A. P. Stockwell, Isaac S. Hartley, F. M. Kipp, Jr. (succeeded by his secundus, R. R. Williams), E. N. Sebring. *Elders*, J. T. Ham, P. C. Ford, James Stothoff, David L. Apgar.

On the Fourth Day.—*Minister*, Alex. McWilliams. *Elders*, Aaron Putnam, Samuel Ten Eyck, James Oliver, M.D., Asa Bailey.

On the Seventh Day.—*Ministers*, William W. Clark, Evert Van Slyke, D. K. Van Doren, I. P. Brokaw, William H. Woodruff, J. L. Vandenberg, W. S. Northrup, Theodotus Burwell, J. Marcellus, Otis P. Moore, Frederick Sax.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll was elected *President*; Rev. Wm. Ormiston was elected *Adressor*; Rev. Charles H. Pool and Rev. Daniel Van Pelt were elected *Clerks pro tem*.

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last regular session were read.

The Minutes of the special session of Oct. 12, 1881, were also read, and a verbal correction was made.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

PROFESSORATE.—*Ministers*, David Cole, Henry Vehslage, Abm. R. Van Nest. *Elders*, Wm. Bogardus, Andrew Hageman.

OVERTURES.—*Ministers*, John A. Todd, M. V. Schoonmaker, M. L. Haines. *Elders*, Peter S. Danforth, Wm. H. Jackson.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*, A. P. Peeke, Wm. D. Buckelew, Wm. J. Skillman. *Elders*, J. D. Bogert, R. F. Denison.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—*Ministers*, E. A. Reed, E. Van Slyke, J. W. Warnshuis. *Elders*, Jacob Den Herder, Garret E. Winants.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—*Ministers*, Wm. H. Clark, V. M. Hulbert, J. H. Salisbury. *Elders*, C. Rhynsburger, Jacob Storms.

STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*, R. W. Clark, Thos. C. Easton, S. O. Lawsing. *Elders*, Jas. G. Cortelyon, A. Van Deursen.

EDUCATION.—*Ministers*, J. Elmendorf, Abm. Thompson, C. Van Der Veen. *Elders*, T. Burwell, J. T. Ham.

JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*, E. W. Bentley, N. M. Steffens, L. W. Lott. *Elders*, Henry E. Legg, C. T. Williamson.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.—*Ministers*, P. V. Van Buskirk, F. M. Kipp, W. H. Phraner. *Elders*, W. T. Northrop, C. Van Gaasbeck.

PUBLICATION.—*Ministers*, J. B. Thompson, C. S. Hageman, J. L. Pearse. *Elders*, W. H. Furbeck, Samuel Ten Eyck.

NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*, J. N. Jansen, H. P. McAdam, Wm. J. Skillman. *Elders*, F. A. Lancashire, Jas. Oliver.

CORRESPONDENCE.—*Ministers*, Abm. R. Van Nest, James LeFevre, C. D. Buck. *Elders*, Tunis Swart, J. Marcellus.

ACCOUNTS.—*Ministers*, F. V. Van Vranken, George I. Taylor, A. M. Arcularius. *Elders*, J. G. Millspaugh, O. P. Moore.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—*Ministers*, D. K. Van Doren, E. N. Sebring, F. M. Bogardus. *Elders*, A. Winter, L. D. Barnes.

BOARD OF DIRECTION.—*Elders*, H. P. Allen, A. J. Beekman, Thomas Cooper, Samuel Rankin, F. Van Driele.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.—*Ministers*, George D. Hulst, Charles K. Clearwater, Wm. Smith. *Elders*, A. H. Downer, D. L. Apgar.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—*Ministers*, George S. Bishop, A. Kriekard, H. Mattice. *Elders*, J. F. Clute, Thos. S. Shepherd.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, met in the James Suydam Hall, at New

Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 16th, 1882, at 11 o'clock, and adjourned on Wednesday evening, at half-past ten o'clock.

After prayer by the retiring President, Rev. David Cole, D.D., the meeting was organized by the election of Rev. Jas. Demarest, Jr., D.D., as President, and Rev. I. P. Brokaw, as Clerk, *pro tem*.

The following members were present :

Classis of Bergen.—Rev. J. Howard Suydam.

Classis of Bergen (South).—Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, D.D.

Classis of Cayuga.—Rev. Evert Van Slyke.

Classis of Greene.—Rev. Allen D. Campbell.

Classis of Hudson.—Rev. A. J. Sebring.

Classis of Kingston.—Rev. James Demarest, Jr., D.D.

Classis of Long Island (North).—Rev. John M. Wagner.

Classis of Long Island (South).—Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D.

Classis of Monmouth.—Rev. Isaac P. Brokaw.

Classis of Montgomery.—Rev. A. J. Hageman.

Classis of Newark.—Rev. W. H. Gleason, D.D.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D.

Classis of New York.—Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D.

Classis of Orange.—Rev. E. W. Bentley, D.D.

Classis of Paramus.—Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt.

Classis of Passaic.—Rev. J. N. Jansen.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. C. W. Fritts.

Classis of Rensselaer.—Rev. E. A. Collier.

Classis of Saratoga.—Rev. J. P. Strong.

Classis of Ulster.—Rev. C. Van Santvoord, D.D.

Classis of Westchester.—Rev. David Cole, D.D.

ELDERS AT LARGE.

Particular Synod of Albany.—Peter S. Danforth.

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.—Peter A. Voorhees.

Particular Synod of New York.—Henry Van Arsdale, M.D.

The following Classis were not represented : Albany, Arcot, Geneva, Grand River, Holland, Illinois, Michigan, Philadelphia, Schenectady, Schoharie and Wisconsin.

The vacancies to be filled by the General Synod for the term of three years are : Cayuga, Geneva, Hudson, Illinois, North Long Island, Montgomery, Paramus, Passaic, Raritan, Rensselaer, Schoharie, and Wisconsin.

The places of the following Elders at Large are to be filled by the General Synod, on nomination by the Committee on the Professorate, viz.: From the Particular Synod of New York, in the place of Edward L. Beadle, M.D., deceased; and from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in the place of Peter A. Voorhees, whose term of service has expired.

The following students have been in attendance during the past year :

Senior Class.

J. Cowles Andrus,	De Witt G. Rockefeller,
W. Muss Arnolt,	John Scarlett,
Dirk John De Bey,	Cornelius Schenck,
John G. Gebhard,	Ezekiel C. Scudder,
Herman Hageman, Jr.,	William H. Scudder,
Peter K. Hageman,	Theodore Shafer,
Kumage Kimura,	John Letson Stillwell,
George Niemeyer,	Alexander S. Van Dyck,
Moto Oghimi,	Ame Vennema,

Willem Wormser.

Middle Class.

William G. Baas,	Clarence Mather Perlee,
Herbert Henry Cameron,	George W. Scarlett,
Nathan Henry Demarest,	Edwin F. See,
Isaac William Gowen,	Abraham Stegeman,
Abel H. Huizinga,	William Vaughan.

Junior Class.

Marion T. Conklin,	Frederick W. Ruhl,
Josiah E. Crane,	William Schmitz,
Joseph P. Davis,	Bastian Smits,
Alfred H. Demarest,	George H. Stephens,
Charles S. Dutton,	Livingston L. Taylor,
Gustavus Goebel,	Horace G. Underwood,
T. John Kommers,	J. Russell Verbrycke,
Joel Loucks,	Garrett Wyckoff, Jr.

The Report of the Faculty records the inauguration of the Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D., as James Suydam Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, on the 5th day of December, 1881, and that previous to that time, the instruction of the Senior and Middle Classes in Theology had been conducted by Prof. Woodbridge. The serious illness of Dr. Woodbridge,

since January 23d, disabled him from the discharge of his duties until the close of the year; but his work was performed by the other professors. Recent improvement in his health gives promise of the entire restoration of our beloved and revered Professor. The health of the students has been good; their progress and Christian deportment commendable.

Two students, one of the Senior Class and the other of the Junior Class, and both of the German Theological School, of Newark, having been conditionally received, in contravention of the articles of correspondence between our Reformed Church and the Presbyterian Church, these young gentlemen were not recognized by the Board as having standing in the Seminary; and the matter was referred to the Faculty for conference with that of the Newark Theological School, in the hope of securing a mutually satisfactory adjustment.

As for years past, the report of "The Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property," herewith transmitted, is most gratifying, and will receive the thankful appreciation of all friends of our Theological Seminary.

The examinations of all the classes were unusually well sustained, and reflected great credit upon both instructors and pupils. The members of the Senior Class were unanimously recommended for their professorial certificates. The closing exercises of the Seminary year were held in the 1st Reformed Church. Addresses were delivered by Ame Vennema, John G. Gebhard, and E. C. Scudder, of the graduating class. Certificates were presented to the graduates by Prof. D. D. Demarest, with appropriate parting words. The usual address to the students was made by Rev. George M. S. Blauvelt. Rev. W. H. Gleason was chosen to address the students next year, and Rev. J. H. Suydam as his secundus.

Professor De Witt made a statement to the Board with reference to the importance of having aid in instructing the Junior Class in the rudiments of Hebrew, in order that the Professor of Biblical Literature may be able to devote more time and strength to the higher duties of his department. The Professor proposed employing during the next year, without expense to the General Synod, some young man of special proficiency in the Hebrew language, who shall do the work with his own supervision and aid; and further expressed the hope that the time may come when permanent provision shall be

made for such assistance, as in all the principal theological seminaries. It was, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board has heard with satisfaction Prof. De Witt's statement, and that his proposal for the next year meets his entire approbation.

The Board passed an appropriate resolution in reference to the death of Edward L. Beadle, M.D., Elder-at-Large, representing the Particular Synod of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. COLLIER, Chairman.

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, Stated Clerk.

The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, was received, together with the action of the Board of Superintendents in relation to it, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate. (See printed reports annexed to the Minutes.)

A communication was received from the Consistory of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, of Albany, inviting the Synod to hold its next regular meeting in that church. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

An appeal, or complaint, from Rev. James Kemlo, on account of a decision of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick was received and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The certificate of dismission of Professor W. V. V. Mabon from the Classis of Bergen was received, and ordered to be placed on file, and Professor Mabon was received under the care of General Synod.

A memorial from the Classis of Poughkeepsie in reference to the interpretation of certain expressions in the Form for baptism &c., was received, read and referred to the Committee on Overtures. The action of Synod last year on the same subject was also read and referred to the same committee.

A request from the Church of the Thousand Islands at Alexandria Bay, for permission to sell a portion of their parsonage lot was received, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

An overture from the Classis of Greene in reference to the substitution of the word "Hades" for "Hell" in the Creed, and also one on the same subject from the Particular Synod of

Albany were received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

Requests for dispensations were received from the Classis of New York for Edward J. Runk, from the Classis of Paramus for John Smith, and from the Classis of Albany for Frederick W. Ruhl, and were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from the Classis of Wisconsin, and a preamble and resolutions from the Classis of Holland, on the subject of Freemasonry, were received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

Communications from several Classes nominating members of the Board of Superintendents were received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication from the Conference of German Ministers in New York and vicinity, asking for a representation in the Board of Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Nominations, who reported favorably.

A communication, accompanied by printed copies of the same, was received from Professors Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest, in relation to their salaries, and was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

The report of the Committee of Co-operation with the Professors in the selection of books for the library was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication from the Classis of Wisconsin asking Synod to appoint a delegate to the Christian Reformed Church of the Netherlands, was received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication from the representatives of the Bohemian Reformed Church was received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication was received from President E. N. Potter, D. D., of Union College, inviting the members of Synod to a reception at his house on Monday immediately after the evening session, which was accepted with the cordial thanks of the Synod. The letter was accompanied with copies of a biographical sketch of Professor Taylor Lewis.

A communication was received from Rev. C. Van Santvoord accepting his appointment as Vedder Lecturer for the year 1883-4.

A verbal communication was received from Rev. W. E.

Griffis extending to the Synod an invitation to a social reception by the ladies of the First Reformed Church, in the lecture room, on Tuesday at the close of the evening session. The invitation was accepted with the cordial thanks of the Synod.

The Synod also received and accepted an invitation from Rev. W. E. Griffis to meet at the church on Monday morning to hear an explanation of the symbols and historical tablets in and about the church edifice. A large number were present at the time appointed and listened with great interest.

A communication was received from Professor John De Witt, D. D., requesting Synod to appoint, in addition to the professor, a lecturer in New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF DIRECTION OF THE CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction, with the usual accompanying documents, was received, and all the papers were referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, except those relating to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, which were referred to the Committee on those Funds, and the part relating to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Board of Direction of the Corporation respectfully report that in January last they received

From the executor of the estate of Mrs. Ellen H. Hasbrouck, a bequest of five hundred dollars, for the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., which has been added to the Permanent Seminary Fund: and from Gardner A. Sage, one thousand dollars to meet the expenses of the Synod relating to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

The matter of the compensation of Professor Woodbridge for his services last autumn, in the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, having been referred to us by the Synod in October last, we recommend that the sum of five hundred dollars be

paid to him from the unappropriated income of the endowment of that chair for the last year.

The existing rules of the Board (see digest p. 124) restrict us from making loans for a longer period than one year. It is desirable that this restriction be removed, since it adds considerably to the difficulty of making safe investments at the present time.

We regret to state that Mr. Gardner A. Sage felt constrained last summer, by the state of his health, to resign his office as Treasurer. The resignation after being laid over for several months, was reluctantly accepted in January last, and the Rev. T. W. Chambers was requested to act in his place until a new appointment should be made. The Board deem it their duty to say that the Church is as much indebted to Mr. Sage for his skill in conducting the fiscal concerns of the Synod, as for his munificent pecuniary gifts. It is not possible to estimate too highly the accuracy and fidelity shown in the management of numerous and complicated accounts, or the foresight and judgment displayed in the suggestion of wise investments.

The term of service of Gardner A. Sage, will expire at this meeting of the Synod.

THE WIDOWS' FUND.

This now amounts to \$55,941.50. The gifts from Churches and individuals during the year, were \$1,376.06, and the annual payments of Ministers, \$1,105.* Annuitants have been paid from the income the aggregate sum of \$2,697.76.

JOHN VAN NEST, *President.*

WILLIAM BOGARDUS, }
JOHN LEFFERTS, } *Directors.*
T. W. CHAMBERS, }

T. W. CHAMBERS, *Treasurer pro tem.*

Treasurer's Annual Account.

*General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in account
with GARDNER A. SAGE, Treasurer, and T. W. CHAMBERS,
Treasurer, pro tem.*

1881.		Dr.	
May	16	To cash paid Board of Education, viz : for six months' interest to 1st inst. on amount of invested scholarships.....\$2,448 79 for six months' interest to 1st inst. on the Parochial School Fund..... 348 11	\$2,796 90
	16	paid six months' interest to 1st inst. on Hope College En- dowment Fund	477 87
	16	paid insurance on house No. 316 West 20th St.....	9
	16	paid commission for selling house No. 429 West 41st St	55
	16	paid Rev. Minor Swick amount of principal sum paid to the Widows' Fund, now withdrawn.....	105
	7	paid appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	2,200
	18	paid annuities from the Widows' Fund, for the six months ending 1st inst	1,238 88
	25	paid Board of Domestic Missions the amount received on account of the legacy of Mrs. Julia Storms : for Board of Domestic Missions..... \$666 67 for Church Extension Fund..... 666 66	1,333 33
	25	paid Board of Foreign Missions the amount received on ac- count of the legacy of Mrs. Julia Storms.....	666 67
June	3	paid the traveling expenses of Delegates from the Particu- lar Synod of Chicago.....	500
	20	paid insurance on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	200
	28	paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary to the 1st inst	750
	28	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick for one quarter's salary due 1st inst., also additional sum as per resolution of Synod June, 1880, viz : Rev. John De Witt, D.D..... \$700 Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D..... 700 Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D..... 700	2,100
	29	paid Water Rate of 1881 on Real Estate No. 316 West 20th St	12
	29	paid for insurance on Professorial dwelling at New Bruns- wick, N. J.....	21 40
Aug.	5	paid for printing 300 Annual Reports.....	9 75
	5	paid Board of Domestic Missions proceeds of sales of "Hymns of the Church" for Church Building Fund.....	59 63
	6	paid interest on legacy of James Suydam for the repairs and improvements of the buildings and grounds of the Theo- logical Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	2,000
Oct.	1	paid insurance on buildings connected with Hope College, Mich.....	18 50
	3	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., for one quarter's salary due 1st Sept. last..... Rev. John De Witt, D.D..... \$600 Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D..... 600 Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D..... 600	1,800
	4	paid John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer of Rutgers College, for semi-annual dividends on ten shares Bergen Turnpike stock for 1880 and 1881.....	10
		Amount carried forward.....	\$16,363 93

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1881.		Amount brought forward.....	\$16,363 93
Oct.	4	To Cash paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of Standing Committee, etc., amount of draft of Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D., Chairman of Special Committee on the purchase of Books for the Sage Library, dated April 15th, 1881.....	1,000
	6	paid J. C. Benham for expenses in attending meeting of Council of Hope College in June last, as General Synod's Member (see Minutes June, 1881).....	50 05
	7	paid Board of Domestic Missions proceeds of sales of "Hymns of the Church," for the Church Building Fund	98 60
	10	paid Board of Domestic Missions, legacy of Ira Ryerson, to be applied to the support and maintenance of Domestic Missions.....	515 77
	17	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of Standing Committee, etc., amount of draft of Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D., Chairman of Special Committee on the purchase of Books for the Sage Library, dated Oct. 11th, 1881.....	1,000
	19	paid balance of expenses of Meeting of General Synod.....	4 24
	19	paid expenses of Western Delegates to General Synod, Extra Session..... \$140	
		expenses of Extra Session of General Synod..... 15 35	
			155 35
	19	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod, for year commencing June 1st, 1881..... \$250	
		salary and expenses of Stated Clerk of Board of Superintendents..... 26 40	
		expenses of Theological Seminary Commencement... 8 65	
			285 05
Nov.	21	paid repairs on Real Estate, No. 316 West 20th St.....	91 02
	17	paid Board of Education, viz.: for six months' interest to 1st inst., on amount of invested scholarships..... \$2,800	
		for six months' interest to 1st inst. on the Parochial School Fund..... 300	
			3,100
	17	paid six months' interest to 1st inst. on Hope College Endowment Fund.....	475
	17	paid Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., for one year's salary and expenses as Permanent Clerk of General Synod, commencing June 1st, 1881.....	117
	17	paid annuities from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst.....	1,358 88
	25	paid City Tax of 1881 on Real Estate, No. 316 West 20th St.....	183 40
	25	paid appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund....	2,255
	25	paid for insurance on "James Suydam" Hall.....	180
Dec.	1	paid amount of loans on Bond and Mortgage.....	1,600
	6	paid amount of loan on Note.....	15,000
	7	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., for one quarter's salary due 1st inst.: Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D..... \$600 Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D..... 600 Rev. John De Witt, D.D..... 600	1,800
1882.		paid amount of loan on Note.....	15,000
Jan.	3	paid for insurance on the "Gardner A. Sage" Library, Building, Furniture and Books.....	16 15
	7	paid for insurance on Furniture in Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	17 53
	11	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee, etc., on account of the income of the "Gardner A. Sage" Endowment Fund for the support and maintenance of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	600
	11	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of Standing Committee, etc., interest on the legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, for keeping in good order and repair the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	283 01
		interest on the legacy of James Suydam for the maintenance and support of the "James Suydam" Hall.....	400
	11	paid annuity from the Widows' Fund.....	100
	11	paid for insurance on the Furniture in "James Suydam" Hall.....	6 80
	23	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Chairman of Synod's Committee, to remove Dr. Wm. V. V. Mabon from New Durham to New Brunswick.....	132 14
		Amount carried forward.....	\$62,187 92

		Dr.	
1882.			
Jan 23	To Cash paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of Standing Committee, etc., amount of draft of Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D. D., Chairman of Special Committee on the purchase of Books for Sage Library, dated Jan. 19th, 1882.....		\$62,187 92
23	paid funeral expenses of the late Dr. A. B. Van Zandt, per order of General Synod.....		1,400
23	paid De Witt Van Zandt, Esq., residue of salary of the late Dr. A. B. Van Zandt to Sept. 20th, 1882.....		318 53
24	paid repairs on Real Estate, No. 316 West 20th St.....		839
24	paid Board of Domestic Missions on account of the legacy of Mrs. Julia Storms, viz: for the Board of Domestic Missions..... for the Church Building Fund.....		30 43 1,000 1,000
24	paid Board of Foreign Missions on account of the legacy of Mrs. Julia Storms for the Board of Foreign Missions.....		1,000
24	paid Gardner A. Sage, eight months' salary as Treasurer of General Synod.....		1,000
	This amount apportioned to the following Funds, as per resolution of General Synod, viz:		
	Widows' Fund.....	\$158 73	
	Permanent Seminary Fund.....	215 39	
	Education Fund.....	171 32	
	Parochial School Fund.....	18 35	
	Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	80 51	
	James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology.....	97 36	
	Hope College Endowment Fund.....	31 24	
	Gardner A. Sage Endowment for the support and maintenance of the "Gardner A. Sage" Library.....	56 79	
	Gardner A. Sage Endowment for the purchase of books for the "Gardner A. Sage" Library.....	32 44	
	Gardner A. Sage, Endowment for the support and maintenance of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	40 55	
	James Suydam legacy for a Professorial Dwelling, at New Brunswick, N. J.....	32 44	
	James Suydam legacy for the support and maintenance of the "James Suydam" Hall.....	32 44	
	James Suydam legacy for the repairs and improvements of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J.....	32 44	
Jan 30	paid Board of Foreign Missions, viz: legacy of Mrs. Julia Storms for the Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$1,000 884 50	
30	legacy of Abram Storms for that Board.....	85 66	
	paid Board of Domestic Missions, viz: legacy of Mrs. Julia Storms, for that Board..... for the Church Extension Fund..... legacy of Abram Storms, for that Board..... for the Church Extension Fund.....	\$884 50 884 50 235 65 235 65	2,240 30
Feb 3	paid for Insurance on Professorial Dwelling, at New Brunswick, N. J.....		12 50
14	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem. of the Standing Committee, etc., viz: interest on legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, for keeping in good order and repair the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall..... interest on the Gardner A. Sage Endowment Fund for the support and maintenance of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....		300 412 80
16	paid insurance on property in Holland, Mich.....		55 43
Mar 1	paid Rev. Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D., for one quarter's salary to 1st inst.....		840
1	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., for one quarter's salary to date, viz: Rev. John De Witt, D.D..... Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D..... Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D.....	\$600 600 600	1,800
	Amount carried forward.....		\$75,407 07

		Dr.	
1882.		Amount brought forward	\$75,407 07
Mar	3	To Cash paid Insurance on Professorial Dwelling at New Brunswick, N. J.	37 50
	10	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem. of the Standing Committee, etc. Amount of draft of Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, Chairman of Special Committee on the purchase of Books for Sage Library.	673 15
	10	paid Board of Domestic Missions, proceeds of sales of "Hymns of the Church" for the Church Building Fund.	125 61
	10	paid the Rev. A. Bechtold, amount of one annual payment to Widows' Fund, now withdrawn.	15
	29	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem. of the Standing Committee, etc. amount of draft of Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D., Chairman of Special Committee on the purchase of Books for Sage Library.	347 18
April	4	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem. of the Standing Committee, etc., interest on the Gardner A. Sage Endowment Fund for the support and maintenance of the Gardner A. Sage Library.	275 96
	7	paid T. W. Chambers, four months' salary as Treasurer of General Synod and expenses	\$500
		Stamped Check Book	21
		Mercantile Safe Deposit Co. (Safe and Boxes). ..	41
		Stamps and Stationery	13
			575
		This amount apportioned to the following Funds as per resolution of General Synod, viz :	
		Widows' Fund	\$91 27
		Permanent Seminary Fund	123 78
		Education Fund	98 51
		Parochial School Fund	10 55
		Disabled Ministers' Fund	46 29
		James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology	55 98
		Hope College Endowment Fund	17 97
		Gardner A. Sage Endowment Fund for support and maintenance of the Gardner A. Sage Library.	32 65
		Gardner A. Sage Endowment Fund for the purchase of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library.	18 67
		Gardner A. Sage Endowment for the support and maintenance of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall	23 32
		James Suydam legacy for the erection of a professorial dwelling at New Brunswick, N. J.	18 67
		James Suydam legacy for the maintenance and support of the "James Suydam" Hall	18 67
		James Suydam legacy for the repairs and improvements of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.	18 67
			\$575
	18	paid insurance on Professorial Dwellings at New Brunswick, N. J.	37 50
	24	paid loan on Note	10,000
	25	paid for loan on Bond and Mortgage	1,000
	30	paid insurance on Real Estate, No. 316 West 20th street.	9
	30	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem. of the Standing Committee, etc., viz :	
		interest on James Suydam legacy for the maintenance and support of the "James Suydam" Hall	300
		interest on the Gardner A. Sage Endowment Fund for the support and maintenance of the Gardner A. Sage Library	125
		Salary of Janitor of Hertzog Hall and Fuel	120
	30	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem. of the Standing Committee, etc., amount of draft of Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D., Chairman of Special Committee on the Purchase of Books for Sage Library dated.	131
	30	To balance on hand carried to new account.	38,358 34
			\$127,537 31

1881.		Cr.	
May	1	By balance from last account brought forward.....	\$19,713 38
	1	By cash received in payment of Note.....	500
	10	received from Jacob Storms, Executor, etc., of the last Will and Testament of the late Abram Storms, of Tarrytown, N. Y., on account of the following legacies given to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, under and by virtue of the Will of Julia Storms, deceased, viz : "The sum of Five Thousand Dollars to be applied to the maintenance and support of the Foreign Missions of said Church.....	\$666 67
		"The sum of Five Thousand Dollars to be applied to the maintenance and support of the Domestic Missionary operations of said Church".....	666 67
		"The sum of Five Thousand Dollars to be applied to the Church Extension Fund".....	666 66
			2,000
	13	received from Stephen Wohlleb on account of sale to him of property No. 429 West 41st St., in part payment of the purchase price.....	1,000
	17	received return premium of insurance on No. 429 West 41st St.....	2 24
Sept	23	received from Henry A. Williams, surviving executor of the last Will and Testament of the late Ira Ryerson, of Paterson, N. J., the ratable proportion due on a legacy of One Thousand Dollars given by the said Ira Ryerson to the General Synod of the Reformed Church "to be applied to the maintenance and support of the Domestic Mission of said Church," being in full payment of said legacy.....	515 77
Oct	6	received from A. G. Vermilye proceeds of sale of "Hymns for the Church" for the Church Building Fund.....	98 60
	17	received Rent of Real Estate, No. 316 West 20th St.....	258 31
	21	received Rent of Real Estate, No. 316 West 20th St.....	133 32
	31	received an account of Principal of Bond and Mortgage.....	500
Nov.	2	received on account of Principal of Bond and Mortgage.....	500
	21	received on account of Principal of Bond and Mortgage.....	5,200
Dec.	13	received in payment of Principal of Bond and Mortgage.....	17,000
	13	received for insurance on mortgaged property—paid by Treasurer March 16th and April 11th, 1881.....	112 50
	13	received in payment of Bond.....	250
1882.			
Jan.	23	received on account of legacy of Mrs. Julia Storms, viz : for the Board of Foreign Missions..... for the Board of Domestic Missions..... for the Church Building Fund.....	1,000 1,000 1,000
	23	received Rent of Real Estate, No. 316 West 20th St.....	200
	25	received from the Estate of the late Abram Storms, on account of the legacy of Mrs. Julia Storms: for the Board of Foreign Missions..... for the Board of Domestic Missions..... for the Church Extension Fund.....	884 50 884 50 884 50
	25	received from Estate of the late Abram Storms: for Board of Foreign Missions..... for Board of Domestic Missions..... for Church Extension Fund.....	85 66 235 65 235 65
	25	received from Gardner A. Sage, as a donation, the amount of his salary for eight months as Treasurer, to meet the expenses of the Synod relating to the Theological Seminary.....	1,000
	31	received from A. R. Throckmorton, Executor of the late Mrs. Ellen H. Hasbrouck, amount of legacy for "the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., under the control of the Reformed Dutch Church".....	500
Mar.	2	received from A. G. Vermilye, proceeds of sales of "Hymns of the Church" for the Church Building Fund.....	125 61
	2	received from 1st Reformed Dutch Church at Poughkeepsie for Hope College Endowment Fund.....	89 73
	2	received from Henry S. Young, of Poughkeepsie, for Hope College Endowment Fund.....	100
	2	received from Church of Rhinebeck, for Endowment Fund, received Rent of Real Estate, No. 316 West 20th St.....	31 35 126 67
April	19	received in payment of Principal of Bond and Mortgage.....	17,000
Amount carried forward			\$73,167 94

1882.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$73,167 94
April 22	By Cash received on account of Principal of Bond and Mortgage....	2,000
22	received in payment of Principal of two Bonds and Mortgages.....	10,000
29	received from the Reformed Church of Glenham for Hope College Endowment Fund.....	5
30	received from the following Classes during the year for contingent expenses of General Synod, viz.:	
	Classis of Albany.....	56 13
	Bergen.....	39 74
	South Classis of Bergen.....	32 75
	Classis of Cayuga.....	19 70
	Grand River.....	42 06
	Greene.....	26 33
	Hudson.....	34 82
	Holland.....	46 45
	Illinois.....	34 66
	Kingston.....	42 61
	North Classis of Long Island.....	70 35
	South Classis of	64 60
	Classis of Michigan.....	12 37
	Monmouth.....	25 29
	Montgomery.....	46 06
	Newark.....	46 26
	New Brunswick.....	40 45
	New York.....	124 05
	" (1879).....	110 36
	Orange.....	62 04
	" (1878).....	75 05
	" (1879).....	34 38
	Paramus.....	52 18
	Passaic.....	36 39
	Philadelphia.....	46
	Poughkeepsie.....	39 68
	Raritan.....	66 99
	Rensselaer.....	37 95
	Saratoga.....	29 53
	Schenectady.....	44 94
	Schoharie.....	20 95
	Ulster.....	45 36
	Wisconsin.....	45 42
30	received for the Widows' Fund during the year, viz:	1,547
	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.....	5
	Lafayette Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.....	10
	First Reformed Church, Long Branch, N. J.....	5 50
	Reformed Church, Berea, N. Y.....	4 21
	" " Leeds, N. Y.....	3
	" " Prospect Hill, N. Y.....	15
	Clinton Ave. Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.....	7
	Reformed Church, Stuyvesan, N. Y.....	5 58
	" " Sayville, L. I.....	2
	First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	17 76
	Reformed Church, Newtown, N. Y.....	6 98
	Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.....	14 29
	Reformed Church, Hageman's Mills, N. Y.....	4 10
	First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.....	13 72
	Reformed Church, Piermont, N. Y.....	10 66
	" " Locust Valley, L. I.....	5 34
	" " Bronxville, N. Y.....	6 80
	" " Greenpoint, N. Y.....	5
	" " Neshanic, N. J.....	3 33
	" " Caatsban, N. Y.....	3 75
	First Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	23 80
	" " Freehold, N. J.....	10 59
	Reformed Church, Nyack, N. Y.....	3 83
	" " Syracuse, N. Y.....	5 29
	" " Owasco, N. Y.....	5 65
	" " on the Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	22 83
	Mrs. Francis M. Collier.....	10
	Reformed Church, Fallsburgh, N. Y.....	3
	First Reformed Church, Holland, Nebraska.....	7 18
	Reformed Church, Fordham, N. Y.....	6 17
	" " Twelfth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	6 75
	Amounts carried forward.....	\$254 11
		\$86,720 84

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1882.	Amounts brought forward.....	\$254 11	\$86,720 84
April 30	By Cash rec'd from Reformed Church Owaseo Outlet, N. Y.	3 80	
	Reformed Church, Rocky Hill, N. J.....	2 71	
	" " South Brooklyn, N. Y.....	2 86	
	" " West Hurley, N. Y.....	1 50	
	" " Clover Hill, N. J.....	4	
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y. City.....	113 61	
	Reformed Church, Brighton Heights, L. I.....	10 50	
	" " Glenham, N. Y.....	4	
	" " Mina, N. Y.....	1 83	
	" " Coxsackie, N. Y.....	5 60	
	East Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.....	1	
	First Reformed Church, Holland, Mich.....	15 50	
	North Church Chapel, N. Y. City.....	7 07	
	Reformed Church, Franklin Park, N. J.....	8	
	Fourth German Church, N. Y.....	4	
	Reformed Church, Astoria, N. Y.....	10 50	
	North Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J.....	13 34	
	Reformed Church, Pascack, N. J.....	2 28	
	" " East New York, N. Y.....	8 62	
	Third Reformed Church, Raritan, N. J.....	7 50	
	First Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Mich.....	8 20	
	Reformed Church, Fishkill Village, N. Y.....	2 18	
	" " Colt's Neck, N. J.....	3	
	First Reformed Church, Raritan, N. J.....	12 61	
	Reformed Church, Canajoharie, N. Y.....	10	
	" " Tyre, N. Y.....	3 15	
	" " South Bergen, N. Y.....	3 16	
	" " of the Comforter, Kingston,		
	N. Y.....	2 33	
	First Reformed Church, Long Branch, N. J.....	5 40	
	Reformed Church, Rotterdam, N. Y.....	8	
	" " College Point, N. Y.....	8 50	
	" " Hyde Park, N. Y.....	7 56	
	" " Holmdel, N. J.....	7 10	
	" " Clove, N. Y.....	4 41	
	First Reformed Church, Glenville, N. Y.....	10	
	Reformed Church, South Bend, Ind.....	1 25	
	" " Yonkers, N. Y.....	11 80	
	" " Fultonville, N. Y.....	8 94	
	" " Lodi, N. Y.....	4 07	
	St. Peter's German Reformed Church, Brook-		
	lyn, N. Y.....	5	
	Second Reformed Church, Hudson City, N. J..	5	
	Reformed Church, Ponds, N. J.....	5	
	" " Wyckoff, N. J.....	1 50	
	German Reformed Church, Ave. B, N. Y.....	5	
	Reformed Church, Herkimer, N. Y.....	4 48	
	First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.	9 88	
	Reformed Church, Kinderhook, N. Y.....	17 58	
	" " Little Falls, N. J.....	7	
	" " Naumburg, N. J.....	1	
	" " Keyport, N. J.....	1 53	
	" " Port Richmond, S. I.....	15	
	" " Kiskatom, N. Y.....	6 66	
	" " Pottersville, N. J.....	1 12	
	Park Ave. Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J	10	
	Reformed Church, Chatham, N. Y.....	10	
	" " Castleton, N. Y.....	15	
	" " Griggstown, N. J.....	2 41	
	Second Reformed Church, Claverack, N. Y.....	13 37	
	" " " Kingston, N. Y.....	10	
30	received from Churches during the year, where \$20		
	of each amount is to apply to the credit of Pas-		
	tors, viz:		
	Knox Memorial Chapel of the Collegiate Re-		
	formed Dutch Church, N. Y. City, Rev. Abra-		
	ham Thompson, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Flatlands, N. Y., Rev. A. Du		
	Bois, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Zeeland, Mich., Rev. N. M.		
	Steffens, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, New Lots, L. I., Rev. Nich-		
	olas Pearse, Pastor.....	20	
	Amounts carried forward.....	\$80	\$87,471 38

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1882.		Cr.	
	Amounts brought forward.....	\$80	\$87,471 38
April 30	By Cash received from Second Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Mich., Rev. C. VanDerveen, Pastor ...	10	
	Reformed Church, Orange City, Iowa, Rev. A. Buursma, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Blooming Grove, N. Y., Rev. W. H. VanDoren, Pastor.....	10	
	DeWitt Chapel of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y. City, Rev. J. H. Bertholf, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Jamaica, L. I., Rev. Wm. H. De Hart, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Clarkstown, N. Y., Rev. Samuel Streng, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, English Neighborhood, N. J., Rev. A. B. Tayler, Pastor.....	20 52	
	Reformed Church, Warwick, N. Y., Rev. Vernon B. Carroll, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev. E. Winter, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Readington, N. J., Rev. J. H. Smock, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Nyack, N. Y., Rev. Wm. Clark, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Millstone, N. J., Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D., Pastor.....	20	
	Second Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Niskayuna, N. Y., Rev. J. A. De Baun, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J., Rev. I. P. Brokaw, Pastor.....	20	
	North Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J., Rev. A. Anderson, Pastor	20	
	German Mission Chapel, N. Y. City, Rev. J. A. Geyer, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Flatbush, L. I., Rev. C. L. Wells, Pastor.....	20	
	Second Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Rev. J. Elmendorf, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Queens, L. I., Rev. A. Hageman, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Middlebush, Rev. J. A. Van Doren, former Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Acquackanonck, N. J., Rev. John Gaston, Pastor.....	20	
	First Holland Church, Paterson, N. J., Rev. J. Huyssoon, Pastor.....	10	
	Reformed Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Cole, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Yonkers, N. Y., to apply to the credit of Rev. Jas. Huyssoon, Pastor of the First Holland Church, Paterson, N. J.	10	
	First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J., Rev. Dr. Easton, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, 34th St., N. Y. City, Rev. Carlos Martyn, Pastor	20	
	Reformed Church, Warwick, N. Y., Rev. Vernon B. Carroll, Pastor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, North Esopus, Rev. B. C. Lipincott, Pastor	5	
	Reformed Church, West Troy, N. Y., Rev. S. W. Strong, Pastor.....	20	
	received from the following Clergymen during the year for their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz :		625 52
30	Rev. D. Brock.....	20	
	Wm. J. Leggett.....	20	
	Wm. J. Skillman	20	
	H. W. F. Jones.....	20	
	N. H. Dosker.....	20	
	James Wyckoff.....	20	
	L. W. Kip, D.D.....	20	
	J. Kremer.....	20	
	Amounts carried forward	\$160	\$88,096 90

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1882.	Amounts brought forward.....	\$160	\$88,096 90
April 30	By Cash received from		
	Rev. G. A. Mills.....	20	
	A. H. Bechtold.....	20	
	D. D. Demarest, D.D.....	20	
	Wm. E. Bogardus.....	20	
	H. Van Der Ploeg.....	20	
	M. V. Schoonmaker.....	20	
	Peter Le Peltak.....	20	
	A. Zwerner.....	20	
	Edward Lodewick.....	20	
	John B. Drury, D.D.....	20	
	C. Van Derveen.....	10	
	J. H. Van Doren.....	20	
	J. C. F. Hoes, D.D.....	20	
	H. De Vries.....	20	
	A. Krickard.....	20	
	R. A. Pearse.....	20	
	J. Lansing Pearse.....	20	
	Stephen Searle.....	20	
	John Gardner.....	20	
	A. G. Lansing.....	20	
	L. J. Jongeneel.....	20	
	John Justin.....	20	
	A. J. Sebring.....	20	
	C. Spaulding.....	20	
	G. J. Nykerk.....	20	
	Herman C. Berg.....	20	
	Thomas W. Jones.....	20	
	F. M. Bogardus.....	20	
	H. E. Dosker.....	20	
	E. N. Sebring.....	20	
	J. Vandermuellen.....	20	
	R. Doig.....	20	
	Wm. P. De Jonge.....	20	
	John H. Oerter, D.D.....	20	
	A. J. Beekman.....	20	
	S. M. Woodbridge, D.D.....	20	
	" " (1880, having miscarried be- fore).....	20	
	James Wyckoff.....	20	
	J. H. Duryea, D.D.....	20	
	J. S. Jorammon.....	20	
	J. A. Lansing, D.D.....	20	
	Edwin Vedder.....	20	
	W. G. E. See.....	20	
	James M. Compton.....	20	
	Isaac Collier.....	20	
	B. C. Lippincott.....	15	
	Wm. Pitcher.....	20	
	Wm. J. Skillman.....	20	
30	received for the Disabled Ministers Fund during the year:		1,105
	Reformed Church, Nyack, N. Y.....	\$13 88	
	" " Lafayette, N. Y.....	10	
	" " Nyack, N. Y.....	98	
	" " Schenectady, N. Y.....	19 56	
	" " Ni-kayuna, N. Y.....	50	
	" " Flatlands, N. Y.....	1 45	
	First Reformed Church, Long Branch, N. J.....	5 50	
	" " Tarrytown, N. Y.....	23 26	
	Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Mich.....	15	
	" " Berea, N. Y.....	4 21	
	" " Leeds, N. Y.....	3	
	" " Prospect Hill, N. Y.....	15	
	Clinton Ave. Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.....	7 01	
	Reformed Church, Sayville, L. I.....	2	
	First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	17 76	
	Reformed Church, Newtown, L. I.....	6 98	
	Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.....	14 30	
	First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.....	28 79	
	Reformed Church, Tappan, N. Y.....	8 30	
	First Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y.....	10	
	Park Ave. Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.....	11 42	
	Amounts carried forward.....	\$218 90	\$89,201 90

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1882.	Amounts brought forward.....	\$218 90	\$89,201 90
April 30	By Cash received from		
	Reformed Church, Locust Valley, L. I.	5 34	
	" " Bronxville, N. Y.	6 80	
	" " Greenpoint, N. Y.	5	
	" " Jamaica, L. I.	9 15	
	" " Neshanic, N. J.	3 33	
	" " Clarkstown, N. Y.	5 22	
	" " Warwick, N. Y.	12 36	
	First Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa.....	16 50	
	Reformed Church, Stuyvesant, N. Y.	2 76	
	" " Readington, N. J.	5	
	" " Fonda, N. Y.	11 50	
	" " West Troy, N. Y.	16 52	
	Middle Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.	10 85	
	Reformed Church, Caatsban, N. Y.	3 75	
	First Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	23 80	
	First Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J.	6	
	Reformed Church, Sayville, L. I.	3	
	" " Owasco, N. Y.	5 65	
	" " on the Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.	22 83	
	Reformed Church, Utica, N. Y.	18 52	
	" " New Baltimore, N. Y.	7 92	
	First Reformed Church, Holland, Nebraska....	8 17	
	Reformed Church, New Prospect, N. Y.	6 01	
	" " 12th St. Brooklyn.....	6 75	
	" " Owasco Outlet, N. Y.	3 80	
	" " Rocky Hill, N. J.	3 95	
	" " South Brooklyn, N. Y.	2 86	
	" " Lodi, N. Y.	12 35	
	" " Chittenango, N. Y.	12	
	" " Heldersburg, N. Y.	9 50	
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y. City.	350 80	
	Reformed Church, Brighton Heights, S. I.	10 50	
	" " Glenham, N. Y.	2	
	" " Hageman's Mills, N. Y.	5 85	
	Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J.	8 32	
	Reformed Church, Ebenezer, Mich.	7 45	
	" " Fordham, N. Y.	10	
	" " Astoria, N. Y.	10 50	
	" " English Neighborhood, N. J.	7	
	Rev. C. N. Waldron, D. D.	100	
	Reformed Church, Franklin Park, N. J.	8	
	Fourth German Reformed Church, N. Y. City..	4	
	Reformed Church, Port Richmond, N. Y.	25	
	" " Pascack, N. J.	2 28	
	" " Harlem, N. Y.	19 24	
	" " East New York, N. Y.	8 63	
	Third Reformed Church, Raritan, N. J.	7 50	
	First Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Mich.	8 19	
	Reformed Church, Pompton, N. J.	12 81	
	German Evangelical Mission, N. Y. City.....	10	
	Reformed Church, Fishkill Village, N. Y.	2 17	
	" " Colts Neck, N. J.	3	
	" " Middlebush, N. J.	5 16	
	Second Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	30	
	Reformed Church, Flatbush, L. I.	14 62	
	First Reformed Church, Raritan, N. J.	12 61	
	Reformed Church, Canajoharie, N. Y.	10	
	" " Tyre, N. Y.	3 15	
	" " Tappan, N. Y.	9 65	
	" " Queens, L. I.	15 47	
	" " South Bergen, N. J.	3 16	
	Holland Reformed Church, New York.....	4 74	
	First Reformed Church, Long Branch, N. J.	5 40	
	Reformed Church, Paramus, N. J.	19 70	
	" " Acquackanonck, N. J.	4	
	" " Marbletown.....	2 94	
	" " College Point, N. Y.	8 75	
	" " Hyde Park.....	5 93	
	" " Holmdel, N. J.	13 50	
	" " Clove, N. Y.	4 42	
	Second Reformed Church, Coxsackie, N. Y. ..	6 80	
	Amounts carried forward.....	\$1,289 39	\$89,201 90

1882.	Cr.		
	Amounts brought forward.	\$1,289 39	\$89,201 90
April 30	By Cash received from		
	Reformed Church, Sangerties, N. Y.	6 95	
	First Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.	3 36	
	First Reformed Church, Glenville, N. Y.	10	
	Reformed Church, Yonkers, N. Y.	10	
	" " South Bend, Ind.	2 25	
	" " De Spelder, Mich.	72	
	" " Fultonville, N. Y.	9 42	
	St. Peter's German Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5	
	S. S. of Fourth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	5	
	Reformed Church, Ponds, N. J.	5	
	" " Wyckoff, N. J.	1 50	
	Bedford Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2	
	German Reformed Church, Ave. B. N. Y. City.	5	
	Reformed Church, Rockaway, N. J.	4	
	" " Herkimer, N. Y.	6 49	
	" " Niskayuna, N. Y.	13 38	
	" " Lisha's Kill, N. Y.	4	
	" " Kinderhook, N. Y.	17 59	
	First Reformed Church, Ghent, N. Y.	5	
	Reformed Church, Kiskatom, N. Y.	6 66	
	Reformed Church, 34th St., N. Y. City.	10 39	
	" " Fort Plain, N. Y.	37 42	
	" " Pottersville, N. J.	1 13	
	Park Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.	10	
	Reformed Church, Chatham, N. Y.	10	
	Second Reformed Church, Claverack, N. Y.	13 38	
			1,495 03
30	received during the year from the following, on account of sums pledged in behalf of the Classes in Synod, June, 1878, for the payment of arrears of the salaries of Rev. C. E. Crispeil, D. D., Rev. Chas. Scott, D. D., and Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, as Theological Teachers at Hope College, Mich., viz :		
	Classes of Philadelphia on account	7	
	" Poughkeepsie, amount pledged.	45	
			52
30	received for interest on Bonds and Mortgages, Bonds, Notes, etc., during the year, viz :		
	1881.		
	May	2,407 32	
	June	1,403	
	July	300	
	August	1,715	
	September	3,461	
	October	2,397 50	
	November	7,589 15	
	December	2,714 22	
	1882.		
	January	315 80	
	February	3,578 93	
	March	2,061 40	
	April	8,844 94	
			36,788 38
			\$127,537 31
May 1	By Balance brought forward.		\$33 358 34

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T. W. CHAMBERS, *Treasurer, pro tem.*

NEW YORK, May 17th, 1882.

The subscribers, a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of GARDNER A. SAGE, Treasurer, and of T. W. CHAMBERS, Treasurer *pro tem*, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand, thirty-eight thousand three hundred and fifty-eight dollars and thirty-four cents.

JOHN VAN NEST. }
WILLIAM BOGARDUS. } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 17th, 1882.

*Dr.**Expense Account of the General Synod*

1881.			
June	3	To Cash paid for traveling expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, etc	\$500
	20	paid for insurance on the Hertzog Hall..	200
	29	paid for insurance on Professorial Dwelling at New Brunswick, N. J.	21 40
Aug.	5	paid for printing 200 Annual Reports...	9 75
	6	paid for expenses of General Synod's member in attending meeting of Council of Hope College.....	50 05
Oct.	19	paid for balance of expenses of meeting of General Synod	4 24
	19	paid expenses of Western Delegates to General Synod, extra session.....	140
	19	paid expenses of extra session.....	15 35
	19	paid salary of stated Clerk of General Synod for one year.....	250
	19	paid salary and expenses of stated Clerk of Board of Superintendants.....	26 40
	19	paid expenses of commencement of Theological Seminary.....	8 65
Nov.	17	paid salary and expenses of permanent Clerk of General Synod.....	117
1882.			
Jan.	3	paid insurance on furniture in Hertzog Hall.....	17 53
	24	paid apportionment of salary of Treasurer of General Synod for eight months...	215 39
Feb.	3	paid for insurance on Professorial Dwelling at New Brunswick.....	12 50
Mch.	3	paid insurance on Professorial Dwelling at New Brunswick, N. J., for five years	37 50
Apl.	7	paid apportionment of salary of Treasurer of General Synod for four months...	123 78
	18	for insurance on Professorial Dwelling at New Brunswick, N. J.....	37 50
	30	paid salary of Janitor of Hertzog Hall for one year, \$100. Fuel, \$20.....	120
	30	paid salaries of the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., during the year, viz:	
		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	2,500
		Rev. John De Witt, D.D.....	2,500
		Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.....	2,500
	30	To balance on hand carried forward.....	2,702 19
			<u>\$12,109 23</u>

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

IN THE

Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., May 1, 1882.

Van Rensselaer.....	\$1,700
Wm. Patterson Van Rensselaer.....	1,700
Rutgers.....	1,700
Heyer.....	1,700
Cornell.....	2,000
Wyckoff.....	2,500
Margaret Burgess.....	1,700
John Clark.....	3,000
James Bogart, Jr.....	2,000
Isaac L. Kip.....	1,700
Tannake Turk.....	1,700
Richard Cadmus.....	2,000
Stryker.....	2,000
Hornbeck. Two Scholarships.....	4,000
Freeborn.....	2,000
Bequest of Nicholas Lansing.....	600
James Bogart, Jr. Second Scholarship.....	2,000
Cuyler.....	2,000
Margaret Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Catalina Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Daniel J. Schanck.....	3,000
Moses Cowan.....	2,500
Bequest of Samuel Gates.....	1,745 98
Theodore Frelinghuysen De Witt.....	2,500
James Suydam. Four Scholarships.....	12,000
Edward Lansing Pruyn.....	2,500
Maria R. Lefferts.....	8,402 64
Garret Y. Lansing.....	2,500
Ernest Blois.....	2,500
Bequest of Joshua Hornbeck.....	2,000
Bequest of Janet Hinchman.....	470
Bequest of Ann James.....	2,500
Gain on sale of Government Bonds.....	468 54
Bequest of James B. Laing.....	7,500
Louisa Hasbrouck.....	5,000
Jacob Polhemus.....	2,500
Abraham Storms.....	2,000
Gardner A. Sage. Two Scholarships.....	5,000
Bequest of John Kline.....	500
	—————\$105,587 16

T. W. CHAMBERS, *Treasurer, pro tem.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1882.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submits to General Synod its Annual Digest, as follows :

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1882, to \$20,313 57
(Of which \$18,300 is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, \$1,000 is in real estate, and \$1,013 57 is uninvested.)

There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	934 40
Balance on hand, April 1st, 1882.....	1,046 05

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1882, to \$2,600
There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund during the year..... 230 48

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$105,587 16
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882.....	3,534 77

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$11,307 50
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882.....	378 40

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested for the General Fund, on bonds secured by mortgages, April 30th, 1882.....	\$96,607 60
Also interest from Permanent Contingent Fund..	12 30
	<hr/> \$96,619 90
Fourth Professorial Fund.....	30,597 66
Thomas De Witt Professorship.....	6,015
	<hr/> 133,232 56

Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College.....	
Amount of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund upon which interest is received.....	\$5,250

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND DEFICIT.

Amount due the Permanent Seminary Fund, April 30th, 1882, being for advances from that Fund made under the instructions of General Synod, for salaries, completion and repairs of dwellings, and for lectures, etc.....	\$34,757 43
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PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$3,328 67
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CENTENNIAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$572 39
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WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$55,941 50
There has been paid to annuitants out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	2,697 76
Balance on hand, April 30th 1882.....	5,599 94

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$49,614 85
There has been paid out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	4,455
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1882.....	3,909 04

DONATION OF COLONEL HENRY RUTGERS.

Amount of this Fund held in trust for Rutgers College.....	\$5,000
Interest received on this Fund and not yet paid over.....	250

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This legacy, the interest of which is to be applied to keeping in good order and repair the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$10,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882.....	325 51

THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" ENDOWMENT FOR THE SUPPORT
AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PETER HERTZOG THEO-
LOGICAL HALL.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$25,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882.....	487 11
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THE VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

This Fund is composed of ten bonds of \$1,000 each of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Co., upon which no in- terest is received	\$10,000
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THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

There has been received for securing a library, including in- terest.....	\$53,642 43
And two township bonds.....	2,000
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And there has been paid to the Hertzog Hall Committee....	53,642 43
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1882, two township bonds....	2,000
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ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTE-
NANCE OF THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$35,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882.....	3,050 46
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ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR
THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882.....	1,006 49
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SPECIAL FUND FOR FULLY COMPLETING THE "GARDNER
A. SAGE" LIBRARY BUILDING.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, etc., April 30th, 1882.....	\$5,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882.....	312 75
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THE "JAMES SUYDAM" PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC
AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, April 30th, 1882.....	\$60,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882.....	1,020 21

THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE ERECTION
OF A PROFESSORIAL DWELLING AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882	13,106 87

THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE MAINTENANCE
AND SUPPORT OF THE "JAMES SUYDAM" HALL.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882	1,140 77

THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE REPAIRS AND
IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW
BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882	20,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882	2,687 57

HOPE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882	\$19,256 42
There has been received during the year (donations) 226 08	19,482 50
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1882	598 23

PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY
AT HOPE COLLEGE, MICH.

Amount of this invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1882	\$5,291
Accrued interest to April 30th, 1882	916 51

ARREARS OF SALARIES OF THE THEOLOGICAL TEACHERS
AT HOPE COLLEGE, MICH.

Received from Classes during the year on amounts pledged in General Synod, June, 1878	\$52
Pledges and balance of pledges of Classes remaining unpaid April 30th, 1882	185 85

ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages and bonds and notes amounting to...	\$597,035 54
Railroad Bonds	12,000
Township Bonds	2,000
Real Estate	7,991 07
Cash in Bank ..	38,358 34
	<u>\$657,384 95</u>

Advances for salaries, completion and repairs of dwellings, lectures, etc., from the Permanent Seminary Fund, made under the instructions of General Synod and due that Fund..... \$34.757 43

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

AS REPORTED BY THE REV. P. D. VAN CLEEF, D.D., STATED CLERK.

Received for Minutes of 1880, and Postage.....	\$22 93
Received for Minutes of 1881 distributed to Classes and individuals	681 97
Received for Postage returned	3 01
Received for Minutes sold at Synod's rooms.....	31 34
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	\$739 25

Paid for balance due on last years' account, for Printing, &c.	\$12 68
Paid for Printing Minutes of 1881.....	700 17
Paid for Postage	3 26
Paid for Expenses in removing Minutes to "Gardner A. Sage" Library	8 50
Balance on hand.....	14 64
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	\$739 25

JOHN VAN NEST, *President.*

WILLIAM BOGARDUS, }
JOHN LEFFERTS, } *Directors.*
T. W. CHAMBERS. }

T. W. CHAMBERS, *Treasurer, pro tem.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1882.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD,
MAY 1st, 1882.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

In accordance with the resolution of General Synod, I hereby forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1882.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Salaries of three Professors (at \$2,400 per year).....	\$7,200	
Additional sum to be paid the same at the close of their year, June 1st prox., as per resolution of Synod, June, 1880, \$100 each.....		300
Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, and expenses.....		30
Salary of the Janitor of Hertzog Hall, and fuel		120
Salary of the Treasurer of General Synod, apportionment		350
Insurance on Hertzog Hall.....		225
Insurance on Professorial Dwellings.....		100
Sundries		200
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		\$8,525
Estimated Income for the year.....	\$7,500	
Balance on hand, May 1, 1882.....	2,702 19	
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		10,202 19
Estimated surplus		<hr/>
		\$1,677 19

OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago	\$500
Traveling Expenses of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies....	250
Salary of Stated Clerk and expenses	260
Salary of Permanent Clerk and expenses.....	110
Expenses of Meeting of General Synod.....	100
Sundries	150
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Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes.....	\$1,370

T. W. CHAMBERS, TREAS. *pro tem*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1882.

Dr. *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.*

BALANCE SHEET, April 30th, 1882.

To Bonds and Mortgages and Bonds and Notes	\$611,035 54
Cash	38,358 34
Real Estate	7,991 07

Total\$657,384 95

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Cr.

BALANCE SHEET, April 30th, 1882.

By Education Fund.....	\$105,587 16
Education Fund Income.....	3,534 77
Parochial School Fund	11,685 90
Permanent Seminary Fund.....	133,232 56
Permanent Contingent Fund	3,328 67
Donation of Col. Henry Rutgers.....	5,250
Widows' Fund	55,941 50
Widows' Fund Income	5,599 94
Vedder Lecture Fund.....	10,000
Disabled Ministers' Fund	49,614 85
Disabled Ministers' Fund Income.....	3,909 04
James Suydam, Professorship of D. and P. Theology..	61,020 21
Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog.....	10,325 51
Fund of the Theological Library at New Brunswick, N. J.....	2,000
Hope College Endowment Fund.....	19,482 50
Hope College Income.....	598 23
Professorship of D. and P. Theology at Hope College..	6,207 51
Centennial Seminary Fund.....	572 39
Endowment Fund for the Support and Maintenance of the Gardner A. Sage Library	35,000
Income of the Endowment Fund for the Support and Maintenance of the Gardner A. Sage Library	3,050 46
Special Fund for fully completing the Gardner A. Sage Library Building.....	5,312 75
Endowment Fund for the purchase of Books for the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	20,000
Income of the Endowment Fund for the purchase of Books for the Gardner A. Sage Library	1,006 49
Gardner A. Sage Endowment for the Support and Main- tenance of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	25,000
Income of the Gardner A. Sage Endowment for the Support and Maintenance of the Peter Hertzog Theo- logical Hall	487 11
The James Suydam Legacy for the Erection of a Profes- sorial Dwelling at New Brunswick, N. J.....	20,000
Income of the James Suydam Legacy for the Erection of a Professorial Dwelling at New Brunswick, N. J..	13,106 87
The James Suydam Legacy for the Maintenance and Support of the James Suydam Hall.....	20,000
Income of the James Suydam Legacy for the Mainte- nance and Support of the James Suydam Hall	1,140 77
The James Suydam Legacy for the Repairs and Im- provements of the Buildings and Grounds of the Theo- logical Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	20 000
Income of the James Suydam Legacy for the Repairs and Improvements of the Buildings and Grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J....	2,687 57
Expense Account	2,702 19
Total.....	\$657,384 95

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report that the following papers have been referred to them :

Annual Report of the Board of Direction.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

Annual Digest.

List of Securities belonging to General Synod.

Balance sheet, April 30, 1882.

List of Endowed Scholarships in the Theological Seminary.

Education Fund Account.

Education Fund Income Account.

Parochial School Fund Account.

Hope College Endowment Fund Account.

Hope College Income Account.

Expense Account of General Synod.

Estimate of expenses for the current year.

Widows' Fund Account.

Widows' Fund Income Account.

Disabled Ministers' Fund Account.

Disabled Ministers' Fund Income Account.

Van Benschoten Fund Account. } *From Treasurer of*

Knox Fund Account. } *Rutgers' College.*

All of the above documents were presented to Synod by the Board of Direction.

The Report of the Board of Direction shows that there have been received during the year from the executor of the estate of Mrs. Ellen H. Hasbrouck, a bequest of five hundred dollars for the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., which has been added to the Permanent Seminary Fund ; and from Gardner A. Sage, one thousand dollars to meet the expenses of the Synod relating to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

The Annual Digest of the Board of Direction, which has been submitted to the Synod and placed in the hands of the Committee, gives a full statement of the funds devoted to Education, Permanent Seminary Fund, and all other matters referred

to this Committee, and as that Digest appears in full detail in the printed Minutes of Synod, your Committee do not insert them in this report, but beg leave to refer to the same.

The Report of the Board of Direction also shows that the matter of the compensation of Professor Woodbridge for his services last autumn, in the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, having been referred to them by the Synod, they recommend that the sum of five hundred dollars be paid to him from the unappropriated income of the endowment of that chair for the last year. Your Committee approve of the same and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Direction pay to Professor Woodbridge the sum of five hundred dollars for his services last autumn in the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, from the unappropriated income of the endowment of that chair for the last year.

Your Committee agree also with the Board of Direction in relation to the desirableness of removing the restriction in the existing rules against making loans for a longer period than one year, and that such restriction tends to render it more difficult to make safe and desirable investments—we, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the period for which any loan or loans be made be wholly in the discretion of the Board of Direction—*provided* that no loan be made for a longer period than five years.

The following resolution, submitted to the Synod, was referred to us, namely :

“Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorized and directed, for the present year, to pay to Professors Woodbridge, De Witt, and Demarest, the sum of three thousand dollars each, provided they find it can be legally and consistently done from funds not otherwise appropriated.”

Your Committee believe such action to be just and proper, and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the above resolution.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to report the confident belief that Gardner A. Sage, Esq., will consent to become the President, and John Van Nest, Esq., the Treasurer of the Board of Direction, and that under these circumstances, the resignations of the Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., and of Mr. John Lefferts, as members of the Board of Direction, will not

be insisted upon by those gentlemen. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the resignation of Rev. Dr. T. W. Chambers as a member of the Board of Direction, be not accepted.

Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. John Lefferts, as a member of the Board of Direction, be not accepted.

But your Committee is credibly informed that the duties of the Treasurer are so arduous, and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, the present rate of compensation, is so inadequate, that, unless the same be increased at least five hundred dollars, there is great reason to fear that the above anticipated and most desirable arrangement may fail of success.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the salary of the Treasurer of the Board of Direction be increased five hundred dollars, and that from May 1, 1882, the same be at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, payable as heretofore.

Your Committee find in the report of the Treasurer *pro tem.* of the General Synod, as found on page 22 of the printed Report of the Board of Direction, to Synod, that for the year commencing May 1, 1882, he estimates the amount of "other expenses" which the Synod will have to meet by assessment on the Classes to be \$1,370.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) be apportioned among the several Classes and be collected from them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. P. ALLEN, *Chairman*.

SAMUEL RANKIN,

A. J. BEEKMAN,

E. VAN DRIELE.

The Committee have also had referred to them the application of the "Reformed Church of the Thousand Islands," for the consent of General Synod to a sale of the unoccupied lot which forms a part of the Parsonage property of that Church, and respectfully report :

I. The Church of the Thousand Islands has made such progress within the past few years, that the Reformed Church at Utica has released its claim to the ground occupied by the Church.

II. The General Synod, in whom the title to said Parsonage property was formerly vested, did, by deed dated October 29th, 1881, convey the same to the Church of the Thousand Islands, subject to certain conditions ; one of which is, that the property shall be used and occupied as a Parsonage lot—but restricting a sale thereof.

III. The property contains about half an acre of land, and said Church is desirous of selling and disposing of a part thereof, about one hundred and six feet in width, as described or referred to in their application—for the reasons

1st. They have no use for it. The same is leased for a term of years, at a small rental of six dollars a year for wood traffic across it to a small wharf adjoining the same.

2d. The amount of land remaining is fully adequate to the needs of the Parsonage.

3d. They have an offer of \$1,400 for the same, and these proceeds will enable the Church to pay its debt of \$1,200, and leave a surplus to be applied to needed repairs.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

“Resolved, That the application of the Church of the Thousand Islands for the consent of the General Synod to the sale of a part of their Parsonage property, not exceeding one hundred and six feet in width, be, and the same is hereby granted, and all restrictions and conditions repugnant thereto in the deed to said Church contained, are hereby forever waived and released.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. P. ALLEN, SAMUEL RANKIN, A. J. BEEKMAN, F. VAN DRIELE, THOS. COOPER,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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The Committee on the Board of Direction also presented a report on the memorial of Professors Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest in which they asked the General Synod to repay to them the sums which they relinquished from their salaries for

the years 1879, 1880, and 1881. The request was made on the ground that the Synod at that time erroneously supposed that there were not sufficient funds available to pay the full amount of \$3,000, whereas the memorialists had been assured by gentlemen of the legal profession that the Synod had a right to use the accrued interest of the bequest of \$20,000 by the late Mr. James Suydam, given for the purpose of erecting a dwelling house for the Suydam Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, for the payment of their salaries in full.

The Committee reported in favor of paying the Professors Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest each \$500 a year for the three years when they voluntarily gave up that amount from their salaries, and recommended that the Treasurer of General Synod be instructed so to do. The report was accepted, and after discussion the Synod declined to adopt it, and the following resolution was substituted for the whole report :

Resolved, That the request of the Professors, Drs. Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest, for payment of back deficiencies in salary be submitted to the Board of Direction with authority and direction to pay the same, *providing*, after consulting counsel, they find it can be legally and consistently done from funds not otherwise appropriated.

The Synod declined to accept the resignations of Mr. John Lefferts and Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D.

Mr. Gardner A. Sage was re-elected a member of the Board.

Mr. Gardner A. Sage was also elected President of the Board.

Mr. John Van Nest was elected Treasurer of General Synod. The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That all checks drawn by the Treasurer of General Synod be countersigned by a member of the Board of Direction, who shall be appointed for that purpose by said Board.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received from the following corresponding delegates, viz.: Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, to the Presbyterian Church in the United States ; Rev. Christian Van der Veen, to the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America ; Rev. J. Howard Suydam, to the United Presbyterian Church ; Rev. Edward P. Livingston to the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Letters were also received from Rev. D. MacVicar, LL.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, from Rev. F. W. Kremer, delegate from the Reformed Church in the United States, and from the Rev. F. W. Hamma, delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. All these were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The credentials of Rev. S. M. Ramsay, Corresponding Delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, were received and read. The Rev. Mr. Ramsay was introduced and addressed the Synod, and was responded to by the President.

The credentials of the Rev. James A. Williamson, Principal, and of Rev. J. B. Lee, alternate delegates of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, were received and read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence begs leave to report that the following papers were entrusted to them:

1. The report of Rev. C. Van der Veen, who attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, held in Springfield, Illinois, May 18, 1882.

2. The report of Rev. O. H. Gregory, who was present at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South), of the United States, held in Atlanta, Georgia, May 18, 1882.

3. The report of Rev. E. P. Livingston, who was our delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, who performed his duty by letter.

4. The report of the Rev. J. Howard Snyder, who attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, held recently at Monmouth, Illinois.

We also note the following correspondence from other bodies:

1. A letter from Dr. H. MacVicar, LL.D., Moderator, and William Reid, D.D., Joint Clerk, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, conveying Christian salutations, and recognizing the letter of Rev. E. P. Livingston, as above noted.

2. A letter of greetings from Rev. E. W. Hamma, who was appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, in its General Synod, held at Altoona, Pa., last June, 1881, its delegate to attend the meeting of our Synod, but was unable to be present.

3. A letter from the Rev. F. W. Kremer, Corresponding Delegate of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, rejoicing in our firm adherence to the Catechism and informing us of the adoption of peace measures among themselves.

4. Credential and letter of Rev. James A. Williamson, who represents the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and was appointed at its late Session in Monmouth, Illinois, and presenting the kind regards of that body.

5. A certificate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, held in Darlington, Pa., May 17, 1882, to Rev. S. M. Ramsey, as a delegate to our body. He has appeared in person and addressed the Synod.

6. A resolution from the Classis of Wisconsin, requesting that the General Synod "would send some one as delegate from our Church to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in the Netherlands, which is soon to be held." In connection with which it was

Resolved, That Rev. P. D. Van Cleef and Rev. Geo. S. Bishop

be appointed delegates to represent our Church at the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church of the Netherlands, or any other reformed body in Europe whom they may happen to visit.

7. A communication was received from the Bohemian Reformed Synod, through the Rev. F. E. Szalatny, informing us of the celebration of the 13th of October last, as the Centennial day of the time when the Emperor Joseph II. granted memorable edicts of toleration, which gave the Bohemians religious liberty, and concluding with their hearty greetings.

Although the celebration has long passed, yet we recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of General Synod convey to the Bohemian Synod expressions of our regret at not receiving the invitation in time to respond our hearty sympathy in their brave struggle to sustain the cause of truth and our Christian salutations, which message may be borne by one of the brethren traveling.

The following action was taken:

In view of the large amount of time consumed in some of the larger bodies with which we are in correspondence, by receiving delegates in person, sometimes the long journeys imposed upon our delegates, and after carefully considering previous deliverances of General Synod upon this subject, the Committee on Correspondence report the following:

Resolved, That the correspondence of our Church with all the bodies to which it sends fraternal greetings, hereafter be conducted by letter unless the distance and other circumstances make it entirely convenient and desirable for the appointed delegates to represent us in person.

ABM. R. VAN NEST, JR.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:—Rev. V. M. Hulbert, D.D., *Primarius*; Rev. R. W. Clark, D.D., *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D., *Primarius*; Rev. Wm. H. Clark, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church :—Rev. J. N. Jansen, Primarius ; Rev. N. M. Steffens, Secundus.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America : Rev. B. Van Zandt, D.D., Primarius ; Rev. Theo. W. Wells, Secundus.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada :—Rev. Wm. Smith, Primarius ; Rev. John H. Smock, Secundus.

To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church :—Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D., Primarius ; Rev. Evart Van Slyke, Secundus.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion having examined the minutes of our four Particular Synods, would respectfully report: That while they find abundant cause for thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the measure of external prosperity that has been granted to our churches the past year, yet they cannot but regret the absence of those rich spiritual fruits that we naturally look for, from the means of grace that have been enjoyed.

The services of the sanctuary and the prayer meetings have been generally well attended, and ministerial and pastoral duties have been faithfully discharged. Our Sabbath Schools continue to be in a prosperous condition under the labors of efficient officers and teachers ; and earnest mission work in many of our cities has extended the advantages and blessings of our holy religion to the poor and neglected classes.

The Particular Synod of New York says: "Some of the Classes lament the existence of spiritual dearth; others speak in terms of encouragement and praise, on account of both temporal and spiritual prosperity. All the Classes have gained in

the number of church members, some very considerably, others slightly, with the exception of the Classis of Orange.

The most encouraging report comes from the Classis of Arcot, which has enjoyed a degree of prosperity unequaled in the past, with the exception of the year 1878, not only in the number added to the churches, but in the steady progress made by the native Christians in intelligence, piety, independence and distinctive Christian influence over their heathen neighbors. We have in this report still another motive, if such were needed, for the zealous prosecution of our foreign missionary work.

Next to the Classis of Arcot, that of New York rejoices in general prosperity, and in a total addition to its church membership, larger than for a number of years past."

The Particular Synod of Albany says: "With general increased financial prosperity and the removal of many heavy burdens, there has been on the whole, no marked spiritual gain. The prevailing tone of nearly all the reports is one of sadness and lament, in view of the absence of God's quickening, awakening spirit. Another such year, added to like preceding years, emphasises, most solemnly, the imperativeness of the duties of self examination, humiliation and prayer."

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick says: "The number of churches and ministers remains unaltered. When we come to the members received, the statement is very cheering, there being an increase of 1834, as compared with 1511 admitted in the previous record, fully twenty per cent, and much the larger part are new converts, a solid gain. The Sunday Schools reveal a very remarkable advance, and the Classis of Paramus has given spécial attention to the training of its youth. There has been an addition of 2,000 children to the Sunday School army of this Classis. There has been a handsome increase in benevolent contributions, attaining to \$58,675.04, while the amount for congregational purposes has reached the sum of \$274,052.02, a large improvement in this method of showing love to the good cause."

The Particular Synod of Chicago says, "From the statistical tables we learn that there is a considerable decrease in almost every column of items as compared with last year. We have 269 less families, 1,079 members in full communion, 821 less catechumens, 550 less Sunday-school scholars, and there is a cor-

responding falling off in benevolent contributions of \$1,912.91 and for congregational purposes of \$7,230.25. This is owing mainly to the defection from our own Church in the Classis of Holland and Grand River. The Classis of Holland alone reports the loss of 400 families and 800 members. Hence it is evident that in the other Classes there has been a gratifying increase. May the Lord in the year upon which we enter grant unto our churches purity, peace and prosperity."

According to the reports from these particular Synods, we find the total number of members received by confession the past year is three thousand five hundred and eighteen, a gain of seven hundred and eighty-eight members over the previous year. The number received by certificate is two thousand two hundred and nineteen.

While there is much in these reports from the different sections of our Church, to lead us to humble ourselves before God, and to seek with increased faith and more earnest prayer fuller and richer manifestations of the divine presence and blessing, there is also much to encourage and cheer. The increased number of hopeful converts, the activity, liberality and spirit of consecration to Christ and His cause, manifested in some portions of our Zion, are signs of progress over which we greatly rejoice.

But when we consider the numerical force, and the material and spiritual resources of our Church that are but partially developed, and call to mind the completeness and inherent vigor of our ecclesiastical organizations for religious growth and aggressive work; when we remember that God has called us to labor in a denomination that has ever held and been true to the doctrines of Christianity in their purity and divine harmony and power; and when we realize the great and precious promises that God has given to his servants, and under which we prosecute our work, we ought certainly to look for larger results, in the wide fields that are open before us.

The laws of spiritual advancement and church extension are as fixed and unalterable as the laws of nature, and in our rigid conformity to those laws, lies our hope for the future. God is the same, yesterday, to-day and forever, in his purposes and work as well as in his nature. His ability and willingness to save, his love for his Church, his readiness to aid in every sincere effort made for the cause of truth and righteousness, are

unchangeable. What we need, therefore, is to be put into vital connection with those laws and to feel their action in our hearts and in our lives.

First, as ministers and elders, we must wait upon God in faith and prayer, until we are endued with power from on High. It is not enough for us to feel our dependence upon this agency. It must be within us. It must be the source of our spiritual aspirations and expectations, and the soul of our religious life. We must have the spirit of truth within us, to preach it successfully, and bring others to a knowledge of the truth. This spirit must take of the things of Christ and show them unto us, that we may show them unto others. Not by human might or power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.

We must also be one with Christ, in order to serve him. The union must be real, vital and permanent. "Without me," He says, "ye can do nothing." With Him we can do all things. In our ministry, eldership, and entire membership, we need the living power of a living Christ. Various means have been pointed out to increase our denominational strength, to revive the drooping graces of our Church, to give to us a future more grand and glorious than we have had in the past, but whatever life and power these means may possess, must flow directly from Christ in the hearts of His people.

We need also a revival of the most effective agencies that God has used in the past, for the preservation of His truth and the extension of His kingdom.

Among these none stands out more prominently than family religion. As the oldest institution in existence it preceded and underlies the Church, and has ever been the source of the mightiest and most enduring religious influences. The parental training of children is the divinely-appointed agency for the most thorough and lasting Christian education. No other instrumentality can be substituted for this. As an educational power the Sabbath-school has been abundantly blessed of God, and everything should be done to augment its strength and extend its usefulness. But it cannot become a substitute for home instruction, and Christian parents who leave the religious instruction of their children to Sabbath-school teachers, sadly neglect their personal duty. Both should be united, while the superior advantages growing out of the parental relation, and

the close ties of the family, for molding the character of the young should never be ignored or lost sight of in this most responsible work.

While we cannot argue this vital question within the limits of this report, we would emphasize its urgency, not only on natural grounds, but as an essential duty growing out of the covenant vows made to God, when these children were solemnly consecrated to Him and to his Church in baptism.

While also the Sabbath-school is fostered in all departments of its work, we deem it essential that its organic union with the Church be maintained and strengthened, that it may not drift away as a separate and independent institution, but receive its vitality and direction from the Pastor, Elders, and members of the Church, and be a direct agency for building up the Church, by training the youth in the regular attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, the weekly prayer meetings, and all the established means of grace.

Among the valuable services rendered by the Sabbath-school is that of gathering into the fold of Christ the children of irreligious parents, or those who live in the neglect of the public ordinances of religion. Many of this class, especially in seasons of revival, are brought into our communion, and need special care, as they are without the home influences essential to the promotion of their Christian stability and growth. We find from sad experience, that many, for the want of this, go astray and gradually neglect their private duties and the public religious services. Indeed, with regard to all who are admitted to the Church, a great work must be afterwards done to establish them in the faith, instruct them into a clearer apprehension of the doctrines of the Scriptures and secure their Christian culture and growth. A few of Christ's professed followers are alive to the importance and necessity of this duty, but there is general apathy and an absence of a sense of responsibility upon this subject that is appalling, and that is attended with evil consequences of the gravest magnitude. It is certainly most desirable that some system be adopted, in addition to the ordinary means now employed to aid young converts to meet the solemn duties they have assumed, to afford them the sympathy and encouragement they need, a system that would admit and receive the co-operation of all the members of the Church. While we rejoice over large accessions to our communion, we

would rejoice with exceeding joy over the prevalence of a Christian fellowship that would embrace in its hallowed influence every new convert, making him feel that there were many hearts warm with interest in his spiritual welfare and success, and many hands ready to help him in the onward and upward pathway, upon which, by the grace of God, he has entered.

In the Department of Necrology, it is our sad duty to record the death of dearly beloved brethren, and faithful and successful laborers in the Gospel ministry.

The following are the names of those who have ceased from toil, and entered into their everlasting rest :

Rev. John Gardner, of the Classis of Philadelphia.

Rev. Ferdinand H. Van Derveer, D.D., of the Classis of Paramus.

Rev. William F. Bets, of the Classis of Paramus, who died in Holland.

Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., of the Classis of New York.

Rev. Henry Morris, " " Orange.

Rev. J. W. Schenck, " " Hudson.

Rev. William N. Randles, " " Schenectady.

Rev. Pierre B. Bahler, " " Geneva.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That earnest and united efforts be put forth to revive, throughout the entire denomination, home religion and the catechetical instruction of the children in the family and the Sabbath-school.

Resolved, That every means within our power, be used, to instruct and enlighten young converts in sound doctrine, and in the sacredness of their obligations to the Church and to God, that thus their Christian stability may be preserved, and their constant advancement in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, be promoted.

Resolved, That General Synod appoint, as has been suggested by the Particular Synod of Albany, one or more days for special humiliation and prayer, that God would graciously give to us such a baptism of the Holy Ghost as will extend to every church, and awaken such a spiritual power, and readiness to labor for Christ, as shall be attended with the richest fruits, in

the building up of our Zion, and the salvation of precious souls.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. CLARK, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the first Wednesday in November be appointed as the day of fasting and prayer, recommended in the report on the State of Religion.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.
First Albany.....	Rufus W. Clark.....	270	15	12	13	..	12	500*	10	4	..	..	..	1	478	\$4,636 50	\$6,082 17 Albany,
Madison Avenue.....	W. R. Davis.....	150	3	7	..	..	3	326	2	1	..	..	..	1	435	2,101 95	7,541 66 Albany,
Third Albany.....	James B. Campbell.....	132	23	6	6	..	228	228	22	6	..	..	40	1	306	258 66	2,961 55 Albany,
Fourth Albany.....	J. F. Neef.....	60	11	..	5	..	116	116	10	..	..	..	70	2	200	46	965 11 Albany,
Holland Albany.....	Henry K. Boer.....	73	4	6	1	2	118	118	8	..	..	..	92	1	120	219 24	1,005 02 Albany,
First Bethlehem.....	Wm. J. Skillman.....	140	..	..	1	..	219	219	2	..	..	..	..	4	330	..	1,220 Albany,
Second Bethlehem.....	J. L. Pearce, (s. c.).....	90	4	3	3	..	1	204	2	1	..	..	50	1	100	179 50	1,125 Adam's Station,
Second Berne.....	G. M. D. Slocum.....	75	..	1	1	..	3	141	3	..	..	..	..	1	100	9 72	455 84 Knox.
Knox.....	G. M. D. Slocum.....	58	..	..	2	..	1	54	1	..	..	..	..	2	90	24 34	339 20 Knox.
Clarksville.....	A. G. Lansing.....	60	..	2	8	..	1	32	1	..	..	..	125	1	203	5 04	567 75 New Salem,
Coeymans.....	H. P. Craig.....	90	16	2	..	..	4	159	4	9	..	..	..	1	125	196 47	1,640 21 Coeymans,
Jerusalem.....	Edwin Vedder.....	93	2	2	..	..	3	129	2	2	..	..	..	1	150	29 57	712 49 Jeru-salem,
New Salem.....	A. G. Lansing.....	99	2	..	5	2	244	244	9	..	..	..	..	1	156	48 06	1,769 99 New Salem,
Onesquethaw.....	Edwin Vedder.....	50	..	1	..	..	1	61	..	..	..	..	..	1	50	16 79	343 70 Jerusalem,
Union.....	A. C. Millsbaugh.....	50	1	1	2	..	40	40	..	..	..	..	..	1	60	12 52	625 Union Church,
New Baltimore.....	J. L. Zabarskie.....	72	1	3	1	..	3	182	1	..	..	..	..	1	98	223 24	1,357 27 New Baltimore,
Westerlo.....	S. T. Cole.....	55	..	..	1	..	5	92	1	1	..	..	..	2	110	28 50	483 53 Westerlo,
Total.....	Total.....	1587	82	53	51	4	49	2947	77	24	..	..	377	24	3111	\$8,036 10	\$29,285 49

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickinson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ARCOTI.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
			On Confess'n	Rec'd	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.				
Arcot, - - - - -	Moses Nathanael, - - -	31	-	3	-	-	32	2	-	44	16	3	109	40	14	7	66	6	11	Arcot, Madras Presidency, Ind.	
Yehamur, - - - - -	" - - - - -	121	8	-	-	-	49	19	5	250	116	6	519	58	15	10	-	38	11	10	"
Chittoor, - - - - -	Andrew Sawyer, - - -	30	6	2	-	-	4	52	4	2	85	6	1	141	46	14	7	-	-	-	Chittoor, "
Kottapelli, - - - - -	" - - - - -	76	-	-	-	-	1	91	4	2	100	284	46	14	7	-	-	-	-	-	"
Arnee, - - - - -	Zechariah John, - - -	20	-	-	5	-	1	19	7	1	56	2	2	20	40	11	22	8	7	8	Arnee, "
Vellambee, - - - - -	" - - - - -	33	3	3	1	2	1	40	5	-	48	18	4	33	7	8	5	35	4	7	"
Marutuvambadi, - - -	" - - - - -	12	-	-	2	-	1	19	3	-	37	-	-	1	9	3	14	4	5	11	"
Madnapalle, - - - - -	Jacob Chamberlain, M.D.	125	24	7	-	-	66	14	14	98	171	6	416	61	15	1	75	3	-	-	Madnapalle, "
Palamanair, - - - - -	" - - - - -	10	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	19	4	1	31	15	14	1	32	8	-	-	"
Vellore, - - - - -	Jared W. Scudder, M.D.	69	4	34	34	-	3	109	7	140	9	4	268	158	3	1	74	9	-	-	Vellore, "
Coonoor, - - - - -	" - - - - -	91	3	46	6	-	6	136	16	3	200	9	1	345	255	3	11	15	4	-	"
Kandipatur, - - - - -	" - - - - -	86	-	3	-	-	-	99	-	92	56	4	324	16	2	11	15	4	-	-	"
Sekadu, - - - - -	" - - - - -	97	-	4	2	1	-	106	10	-	75	3	334	12	9	10	15	8	1	-	"
Sattipadi, - - - - -	Abraham William, - - -	153	6	7	7	-	5	217	8	7	262	89	8	576	22	4	-	62	1	2	"
Kindivanam, - - - - -	John H. Wyckoff, (s.c.)	18	6	2	2	1	1	26	6	1	66	1	1	94	23	12	6	39	9	9	Tindivanam, "
Tlithendal, - - - - -	" - - - - -	35	8	-	2	-	4	8	6	3	55	23	2	149	4	11	-	11	13	1	"
Ananodiam, - - - - -	" - - - - -	68	5	1	-	-	13	81	3	3	138	52	4	301	22	3	2	32	2	9	"
Golapakkam, - - - - -	" - - - - -	21	7	1	-	-	32	10	7	40	7	2	79	3	13	5	10	6	11	-	"
Karsingannur, - - - -	" - - - - -	50	35	-	-	-	38	63	33	23	62	34	5	105	12	9	2	25	-	8	"
Nruthur, - - - - -	" - - - - -	105	17	-	-	8	16	90	16	16	116	195	6	417	20	13	10	23	14	-	"
Ootambadi, - - - - -	" - - - - -	66	14	-	4	-	23	54	23	20	85	58	7	263	27	6	2	33	14	-	"
Varikkal, - - - - -	" - - - - -	47	14	-	-	-	19	49	19	23	94	16	4	186	8	12	1	18	2	11	"
Total, - - - - -	- - - - -	1364	157	113	65	22	28	1481	235	143	2094	1057	75	5092	864	8	8	917	10	7	

Other Ministers.—John Scudder, M.D., Creston, Nebraska; John W. Conklin, Chittoor, India, in charge of Chittoor Station.
 Candidate.—Paul Bailey.

A rupee is worth 50 cents.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Numbers of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
																Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
English Neighborhood.	A. B. Taylor.	33	10	15	4	5	5	32	14	5	1	65	\$85 00	\$800	Ridgefield,	N. J.	
First Hackensack.	Thco. B. Romeyn	90	5	5	5	1	129	5	1	200	2	180	1,625 00	3,500	Hackensack,	"	
Schraalenburg.	George Seibert.	78	2	2	2	2	190	10	...	200	3	375	300 00	1,850	Schraalenburg,	"	
New Durham.	Vacant*.	170	4	11	32	4	281	10	1	200	1	411	962 34	6,568 81	Weehawken,	"	
Park Ref. Jersey City.	J. Howard Suydam.	38	6	5	1	3	68	7	1	233	1	165	10 60	1,900	Jersey City,	"	
First Hoboken.	Isaac E. House.	56	7	2	1	2	76	8	...	40	1	260	69 00	1,110	Hoboken,	"	
North Bergen.	John Justin.	100	2	3	2	3	167	4	...	13	1	115	132 00	3,027	Weehawken,	"	
Second Hackensack.	Cyrus B. Durand.	61	6	2	2	15	92	19	...	11	1	120	10 10	600	Hackensack,	"	
Third Hackensack.	Louis Goubel.	64	2	2	...	5	570	105	...	85	1	700	116 97	2,984	Hoboken,	"	
German Hoboken.	Leopold Mohr.	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	1	135	...	1,300	Closter,	"
Closter City.	P. V. Van Buskirk, (s.c).	80	1	...	2	1	110	9	...	50	2	100	75 00	750	Fort Lee,	"	
Palisades.	F. M. Bogardus.	65	2	...	...	...	65	4	...	80	1	133	...	...	Guttenburg,	"
Guttenburg.	Alex Shaw, S. S.	40	2	...	3	...	35	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jersey City,	"
Central Ave., J. C. H.	Wm. C. Handy.	135	1	1	3	1	129	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cherry Hill,	"
Fort Lee.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cherry Hill.	*James E. Graham.	36	...	2	3	1	42	3	1	78	21 00	1,311	Cherry Hill,	"
Total	Total	985	112	48	45	1	43	257	297	3	...	1092	\$3,737 41	\$37,351 42			

Other Ministers.—Alexander H. Warner, Hackensack, N. J.; W. R. Gordon, Manhasset, L. I.; Charles Parker, 302 South Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jas. H.

Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

* Last year's report.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS.			
														Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen.....	Cornelius Brett.....	210	13	12	6	9	7	291	11	1	220	200	400	\$1,587 60	\$9,162 61	509 Bergen Av., Jersey City.	
First Jersey City.....	Wm. Westerfield, S. S.....	100	4	5	1	.....	1	162	4	1	35	35	147	192 39	2,633 81	116 Mercer St., Jersey City.	
First Bayonne.....	Wm. W. Knox.....	76	4	3	.....	.....	2	197	1	1	.....	150	1	250	111 42	7,945 79	Bayonne, N. J.
Sec'd Jersey City [First Van Vorst].....	Paul D. Van Cleef.....	120	4	2	9	.....	3	223	8	.....	90	110	1	153	1,939 54	4,193 97	288 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point.....	Henry W. F. Jones.....	135	9	6	2	.....	1	201	7	3	90	120	1	180	1,371 50	7,500	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second Hudson City.....	C. Doepfenschmidt, P. E.....	70	26	.....	6	.....	9	200	90	.....	80	22	1	420	159 53	1,571 76	941 Summit Av., Jersey City
Lafayette.....	Wm. R. Duryee, (s. c.).....	90	6	6	20	1	1	184	6	.....	125	130	1	200	895 00	6,160	Bergen Point, N. J.
Greenville.....	P. T. Pockman.....	60	2	7	4	.....	.....	113	2	1	50	.....	1	215	226 35	1,308	5 Cambridge Av., " "
Free Jersey City.....	Henry Mattee.....	100	1	1	2	.....	1	127	14	.....	116	150	1	235	23 41	820	233 Pacific Av., " "
Third Bayonne.....	Carl F. A. Klein, S. S.....	31	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	5	.....	70	.....	1	50	201 00	547 75	Greenville, " "
South Bergen.....	Henry M. Cox.....	63	2	4	4	1	1	92	4	.....	105	95	1	155	175 63	1,732 06	351 Fourth St., " "
Total.....	Total.....	1055	82	46	56	3	26	1852	152	7	981	1002	12	2405	\$6,883 46	\$43,984 75	Bergen Point, N. J.

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Prof. in Theological School, Tokio, Japan. Rev. Alex. H. Young, Greenville, N. J. 'In transitu', Rev. Wm. L. Elterich, Alleghany City, Penn., pastor German Evangelical Church.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Canastota.....	Supplied†	36	2	...	...	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	\$9 94	\$1,337 12	Canastota, N.Y.
Cicero*.....	Supplied.....	70	...	...	...	...	...	117	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	"
Chittenango.....	C. Otis Thatcher.....	68	9	1	2	...	...	89	...	...	...	...	...	374 87	1,539	Chittenango, "
Naumburg*.....	Peter Mölling.....	35	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
New Bremen*.....	Peter Mölling.....	10	...	...	...	...	...	129	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Owasco.....	R. H. Barr.....	137	11	4	...	...	...	70	3	...	...	...	...	40	1,329 28	Owasco, "
Syracuse.....	Chas. Anderson.....	40	4	2	...	...	...	129	...	...	...	...	...	129 08	681 47	Auburn, "
Thousand Isles.....	Evert Van Slyke.....	169	5	2	3	...	...	278	6	...	...	...	...	717 11	8,053 11	Syracuse, "
Christ Church, Utica.....	Henry DeVries.....	56	3	1	3	...	...	80	...	2	...	...	...	36 00	5,507 37	Alexandria, "
West Leyden.....	Isaac S. Hartley.....	140	7	3	1	...	...	214	3	...	...	...	...	596 21	2,599 64	Utica, "
	John M. Reimer.....	35	...	1	5	...	...	60	4	...	...	...	...	14 13	521 30	West Leyden, "
Total.....		786	37	16	16	1	9	1129	19	6	223	13	1095	\$1,917 37	\$21,568 29

Other Ministers.—Rev. George Rockwell, Fulton, N. Y.; Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Tokio, Japan; Rev. J. Henry Enders, City Missionary, Albany, N. Y., 21 Jay street, Albany; Rev. Wm. A. Wurts (s. o.), Canastota, N. Y. Supply of Wampsville Presbyterian Church.

* Last year's report.

† Rev. I. W. Whitfield.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Corporational Purposes.	
Detroit.....	Vacant *.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	55	.....	\$150 25	498	Macomb st., Detroit, Mich.
Fremont Centre.....	".....	95	9	10	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	Fremont Centre, " "
1st Grand Haven.....	Henry E. Dosker +.....	60	8	10	.....	.....	.....	108	9	.....	.....	180	100	1	135	.....	289 20	.....	Grand Haven, " "
2d Grand Haven.....	Chr. Van der Veen (S. C.).....	336	19	23	2	.....	.....	520	71	.....	.....	770	200	1	476	.....	1,421 86	79	Grand Haven, " "
2d Grand Rapids.....	Nicholas H. Dosker.....	160	11	7	19	.....	.....	306	29	.....	.....	470	155	1	310	.....	502	.....	Grand Rapids, " "
3d Grand Rapids.....	Adrian Kriekard.....	233	1	1	2	.....	.....	36	5	.....	.....	66	.....	1	30	.....	152	.....	" "
4th Grand Rapids.....	Vacant +.....	23	2	2	.....	.....	.....	3	60	10	.....	150	32	1	50	.....	107	.....	" "
Grandville.....	William P. De Jonge.....	52	2	2	1	.....	.....	3	278	31	1	483	150	1	300	.....	773 11	.....	Grandville, " "
Kalamazoo.....	John W. Te Winkel.....	158	14	12	7	.....	.....	3	278	31	1	483	150	1	300	.....	773 11	.....	Kalamazoo, " "
Montague.....	Vacant +.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Montague, " "
Muskegon.....	Jacob Van der Meulen.....	281	19	9	3	1	5	350	72	.....	833	280	.....	1	270	.....	706 85	.....	Muskegon, " "
Polkton.....	Herman Borgers.....	45	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	70	5	.....	230	60	1	70	.....	15 58	.....	Coopersville, Ottawa Co., " "
South Haven.....	Gerrit Bangrenmond.....	19	2	3	.....	.....	.....	35	3	.....	.....	60	30	1	37	.....	204	29	South Haven, Van Buren Co., " "
Spring Lake.....	James F. Zwemer.....	104	7	3	1	.....	.....	130	24	.....	390	138	.....	2	148	.....	369 38	43	Spring Lake, " "
Twin Lakes.....	Gerrit Dangrenmond.....	24	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	5	.....	94	35	.....	1	50	.....	93	.....	South Haven, Van Buren Co., " "
Total.....	.....	1382	95	75	72	4	33	1874	271	1	3726	1295	.....	14	1981	.....	\$4,297 98	\$14,831 38	.....

Other Ministers.—Rev. Mannes Kiekintveld, Holland, Mich., disabled through ill health; R. Duiker, with seceded part of 1st church, Grand Haven, Mich.; L. J. Hulst, deposed, Grand Rapids, Mich. * Has promised to call G. Niemeyer. + Reduced by secession.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS. *					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Received on Confession.	Certificated.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Abbe Church.....	Vacant.....	57	1	4		1	115	10		90	1	50	\$52 22	\$432 72	Clymer, Chautauqua, N. Y.
Arcadia.....	Vacant.....	30					50			41		54			East Newark, Wayne, "
Buffalo*.....	Vacant.....	65					66					75	95	580 00	Buffalo,
Cato*.....	Vacant.....														
Caroline.....	Vacant.....	86	5	1		1	187	4		38	1	85	90 57	895 61	Slaterville, Tomp. Co.,
Clymer.....	M. Van Doren.....						29	4				14	11	44	Clymer, Chautauqua, "
Dunkirk.....	Vacant.....	106	4	14			237	14				100	91 70	600 70	Dunkirk, "
East Williamson.....	Vacant.....	62	3	1			89					101	67 15	655	Williamson, Wayne, "
Fair Haven*.....	Wm. H. Nasholds.....	110		2		5	188			35	1	120	93 05	2,465 73	Fair Haven, Cayuga, "
Farmer Village.....	Vacant.....	53	1	2		2	126			25	1	37	76 29	1,080 41	Farmer Vill., Sen. Co.,
Geneva.....	Il. F. McAdam.....	145	3	3		2	211	4	1	35	82	180	303 99	2,208 84	Geneva, Ontario "
Lodi.....	Matt. Kolyn.....	125	9	3		6	365	27		50		130	58	750	Lodi, Seneca "
Marion.....	Vacant.....	72					114	1				17	14 70	11 65	Marton, Wayne "
Mina.....	P. G. M. Bühler.....	75	2	2		2	114			50	111	175	52 91	744 78	Mina, Chautauqua "
Pultneyville.....	Peter DeBruyn.....	200	9	5	3	7	285	22		140	1	230	310 60	2,691 22	Pultneyville, Wayne,
Rochester.....	J. H. Van Doren.....	42	1	2	3	1	54	1				3	163 73	648 13	Rochester, Monroe, "
Tyre.....															Malcom, Seneca Co.,
Total.....		1167	42	32	1	27	2032	87	1	504	193	14	\$1,450 91	\$13,711 79	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. Whitbeck, (s. c.) Ithaca, N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Boehrer Westfield, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renskers, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

* Report of 1881.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.*		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of S. Schools		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
First Athens.....	Alan D. Campbell.....	85	3	1	2	3	189	5	2	57	1	175	\$215	\$5,020 87 Athens, N. Y.		
Second Athens.....	Vacant*.....	90	.....	.....	.....	30	30	9	.....	195	125	3	225	562 09 Athens, "
Catskill.....	John B. Thompson.....	160	7	9	1	3	404	9	.....	25	40	2	120	24 04 Catskill, "	
First Cossackie.....	Vacant.....	80	.....	.....	.....	1	292	5	.....	67	.....	1	200	512 65 Cossackie, "
Second Cossackie....	Jno. H. Salisbury.....	136	2	4	2	3	294	3	4	64	.....	3	132	254 67 Cossackie, "	
Kiskatom.....	Geo. J. Van Neste.....	86	5	1	2	4	99	4	2	61	48	1	70	104 04 Kiskatom, "		
Kiskatom.....	.....	62	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,355 80 Kiskatom, "
Leeds.....	C. P. Ditmar.....	659	19	15	11	17	1418	29	8	469	213	11	922	\$1,673 39 Leeds, "		
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$13,336 02

Other Ministers.—Rev. M. Lusk, Cossackie, N. Y.; Rev. B. Van Zandt, (s. c.), Catskill, N. Y.

* Report of last year.
+ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized.	No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.			Number of Catechumens.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Beaverdam.....	John Broek.....	41	4	6	9	3	103	12	1	1	63	1	70	\$ 54 95	\$ 558	Beaverdam, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Cleveland.....	L. Dykstra*.....	82	21	12	...	3	197	13	...	...	112	1	130	163 24	1,524 92	45 Linden St., Cleveland, Ohio.
Drenthe.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Drenthe, Ottawa Co., Mich.
East Overysel.....	Vacant.....	23	2	1	...	...	40	4	...	...	18	...	...	10	40	Overysel, Allegan Co., Mich.
Ebenezer.....	Vacant.....	62	2	2	2	2	133	16	...	...	60	1	75	131 48	732	Holland, Ottawa Co., "
Fyngaert.....	J. C. Groneveld†.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	East Saugatuck, Allegan Co. "
Graafschap.....	Vacant.....	40	...	...	...	...	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Graafschap, Allegan Co., "
Holland 1st.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Holland, "
Holland 3d.....	Dirk Broek.....	130	3	9	9	3	215	28	...	430	100	1	260	253	2,177	Forrest Grove, Ottawa Co., "
Jamestown.....	John Van Der Meulen.....	58	2	6	2	2	95	10	...	...	60	1	100	177 20	695 39	North Holland, "
North Holland.....	Balster Van Ess.....	118	4	6	1	1	156	38	...	...	168	1	180	187	1,211	Overysel, Allegan Co., "
Overysel.....	Gerrit J. Nykerk and Peter Leppeltak (S. C.)	217	18	15	10	5	478	48	...	560	350	2	350	802	1,603	Overysel, Allegan Co., "
Rotterdam.....	John Hoekje.....	30	...	7	...	...	35	8	...	...	20	1	25	51 31	239 67	Cawker City, Mitchell Co., Kan.
Saugatuck.....	Vacant.....	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Saugatuck, Allegan Co., Mich.
Vriesland.....	Peter de Pree.....	60	1	1	...	2	103	11	...	...	116	1	134	239 78	1,061 52	Vriesland, Ottawa Co., "
Zabriskie.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hamilton, Allegan Co., "
Zeeland.....	Nicholas M. Steffens.....	200	11	8	5	2	400	34	...	...	300	1	275	1,042 28	2,282 76	Zeeland, Ottawa Co., "
Total.....	.....	1059	68	63	47	4	2082	222	1	990	1367	12	1599	\$3,112 24	\$12,145 26	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Phillip Phelps, Jr., D.D., Holland, Mich. * Pastor elect. † Suspended.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. CONTRIBUTIONS.				POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Confession	On Certificate		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	(Congregational Purposes.
				Rec'd														
Hudson, - - -	William Smith, - - -	236	4	5	10	-	-	1	474	6	-	-	1	275	\$1,423 07	\$3,846 42	Hudson, N. Y.	
First Claverack, - - -	William J. Leggett, - - -	128	16	2	4	-	-	2	254	2	10	-	4	190	90 77	1,890 03	Claverack, " "	
Second Claverack, - - -	Arad J. Sebring, - - -	200	2	4	4	-	-	1	183	3	-	-	2	200	377 75	1,332 25	Mellenville, " "	
Linlithgo, - - -	Thomas S. Dunsinberre, - - -	95	1	-	4	-	-	2	122	4	-	-	1	80	274 25	921 68	Linlithgo, " "	
Greenvort, - - -	John S. Hinrod, - - -	92	6	5	10	-	-	2	259	3	1	-	2	210	110 00	890 00	Ind-on, " "	
Germanatown, - - -	James Wyckoff, - - -	108	8	1	2	-	-	3	171	4	-	-	1	124	170 47	1,800 00	Germanatown, " "	
Upper Red Hook, - - -	Ezekiel C. Scudder, - - -	87	-	-	-	-	-	1	170	3	-	-	1	121	475 94	1,804 54	Upper Red Hook, " "	
Taghkanick, - - -	James C. Garretson, - - -	85	-	-	-	-	-	3	109	5	-	-	1	65	-	8,316 76	West Copake, " "	
Gallatin, - - -	William N. Todd, - - -	77	5	2	4	-	-	5	162	1	2	-	1	83	145 51	643 48	Mt. Ros-s, " "	
Livingston Church [At Linlithgo.]	- - -	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	1	55	70 00	307 00	Linlithgo, " "	
Total,	- - -	1148	42	19	38	-	-	20	1956	31	13	-	15	1402	\$3,037 76	\$21,752 16		

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wm. D. Perry, Hudson, N. Y.; Rev. W. Henry McSeffut, Hudson, N. Y.; Polhemus Van Wyck, (s. c.,) Hudson, N. Y. Rev. Mr. Perry is a teacher, Principal of Hudson Academy.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

JUNE, 1882.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPT.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
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Fair View.....	John S. Jormalmon, (s. c.).	113	3	2	1	5	180	3	1	...	75	3	170	\$184 00	\$1,218 00	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill.	
First Pekin.....	Edward P. Livingston.....	50	6	11	1	1	71	5	2	...	30	1	150	40 00	1,042 00	Pekin, Ill.	
Spring Lake.....	Vacant.....	17	1	1	1	1	30	3	3	30	35	1	30	4 00	196 00	Manito, Mason Co., Ill.	
Raritan.....	Albert A. Pfanzstiel.....	51	4	5	2	1	127	3	25	...	1	1	130	108 00	939 51	Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill.	
Bushnell.....	George Sharpely.....	54	1	3	15	2	163	58	688	140	2	2	108	50 00	750 00	Bushnell, Ill.	
First Pella.....	Erbert Winter.....	190	6	3	4	8	250	3	18	...	1	1	225	885 90	2,065 00	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Havana.....	William B. Gilmore, S. S.	25	2	3	17	4	92	22	70	...	1	1	250	5 06	300 00	Havana, Ill.	
Second Pella.....	Vacant.....	50	6	1	5	8	92	22	135	...	1	1	60	140 00	1,300 00	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Third Pella.....	Francis Rederus.....	119	6	1	13	5	25	1	40	...	2	2	75	15 00	70 40	Otley, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Otley.....	Vacant.....	70	1	5	2	1	42	54	800	400	...	1	200	375 00	3,485 65	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Bethel.....	Evert Westling.....	30	1	26	1	21	56	10	6	...	1	1	62	20 00	150 00	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa.	
Orange City.....	Ale Buursma.....	213	11	26	13	5	373	42	10	...	1	1	171	65 00	410 00	Norris, Fulton Co., Ill.	
Norris.....	Sammel A. Bumstead, S. S.	22	1	1	1	1	56	6	8	...	1	1	171	75 00	410 00	Norwood Park, Cook Co., Ill.	
Norwood Park.....	Albert V. Gulick.....	37	5	2	4	2	57	2	3	...	16	2	120	59 00	850 00	Irving Park, Cook Co., Ill.	
Irving Park.....	Howard H. Van Vranken.....	80	5	2	4	2	112	20	40	...	40	1	140	78 75	1,171 57	Parkersburg, Iowa.	
Parkersburg.....	K. B. Welland.....	105	4	2	2	3	68	23	203	120	1	1	150	78 75	1,171 57	Pekin, Ill.	
Second Pekin*.....	Vacant.....	50	1	30	1	3	156	23	171	95	1	1	150	78 75	1,171 57	Alton, Sioux Co., Iowa.	
East Orange.....	J. W. Warnshius.....	91	16	30	5	1	87	16	171	95	1	1	150	94 25	785 00	Sioux Center, "	
West Branch.....	James De Pree.....	43	9	20	18	2	24	39	15	...	18	35	1	94 25	256 00	Manito, Mason Co., Ill.	
Manito.....	Vacant.....	32	1	4	18	2	39	15	60	18	2	2	10	25 00	1,200 00	Manito, Mason Co., Ill.	
Washington.....	Paul F. Shuelke.....	40	4	14	1	39	39	15	60	18	2	2	10	25 00	1,200 00	Ackley Butler Co., Iowa.	
Dakota.....	Il. W. Warnshius, S. S.	21	2	14	1	39	39	15	60	18	2	2	10	25 00	1,200 00	Leunox, Butler Co., Dakota.	
Total.....		1503	81	115	96	5	36	2033	238	8	2228	1129	26	2463	\$2,358 66	\$18,392 31	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, Ill. ; Rev. C. D. Elting, Raritan, Ill. ; Rev. A. J. Betten, Orange City, Iowa ; Rev. Seine Bolks, Emeritus, Orange City, Iowa.

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CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	On Confess'n	Rec'd	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomington,	Eugene Hill,	70	6	1	4	-	6	112	11	5	54	73	1	\$16 25	\$720 25	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.	
The Clove,	Wm. H. Vroom,	130	8	9	3	-	3	243	12	1	212	73	3	290	198 02	1,634 23	High Falls,
Dashville Falls,	Vacant,	100	-	-	-	-	1	157	1	-	-	-	1	102	3	574 79	Rifton Glen,
Guilford,	C. E. Lasher,	100	4	-	4	-	2	96	1	-	203	85	4	174	97 52	1,273	Gardener,
Hurley,	D. B. Wyckoff,	65	14	7	1	-	3	136	4	3	85	45	1	100	169 35	1,296 69	Hurley,
Kingston, Second,	James Demarest, Jr.,	140	1	6	14	-	3	332	4	1	135	170	1	255	632 55	2,324 93	Kingston,
Krumville,	Paul T. Deyo,	53	2	-	-	-	85	1	1	62	40	1	90	10 50	450	Samsouville,	
Lyonsville,	Vacant,	50	-	-	4	-	3	93	7	-	-	30	1	40	2 32	125	Lyonsville,
Marbletown,	V. M. Hulbert,	85	3	5	2	-	1	257	4	1	-	60	1	80	61 19	938 23	Stone Ridge,
Marbletown, North Ch.	V. M. Hulbert, S. S.,	56	2	-	-	-	1	115	2	1	-	50	1	80	35 18	430 03	"
New Paltz,	Vacant,	260	8	4	5	-	6	434	18	1	355	300	8	840	513 10	2,573 78	New Paltz,
Rochester,	John B. Church,	142	7	3	2	-	3	176	7	2	130	60	5	360	87	1,230	Accord,
Rosendale,	A. Westveer,	93	5	1	-	-	88	2	3	40	70	1	90	103 26	1,185	Rosendale,	
St. Remy,	Vacant,	36	-	-	-	3	1	77	3	-	15	40	1	75	6	269 44	Creek Locks,
		1400	60	36	45	3	322401	77	19	1291	1098	30	2210	\$1,935 24	\$15,025 37		

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Liebenan, Rosendale, N. Y.; Rev. J. Ferguson Harris, s. c.) Kingston, N. Y., supplying Church of New Paltz; Rev. Philip Peltz, D. D., Emeritus, Coeymans, N. Y.

Licentiate.—George Le Fevre, New Paltz, N. Y.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.	Total of Baptized.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.			Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Jamaica, - - - - -	Wm. H. De Hart, -	151	8	1	5	-	6	283	2	1	127	1	140	\$602 73	\$5,749 02	Jamaica, N. Y.		
Newtown, - - - - -	Chas. I. Shepard, -	100	12	1	2	-	2	208	1	1	-	3	250	318 96	3,079 26	Newtown, "		
Oyster Bay, - - - - -	John A. Davis, -	100	9	1	3	-	1	131	6	2	-	2	200	237 93	1,651 61	Glen Head, "		
North Hempstead, -	Abram I. Martine, +	94	-	1	6	-	1	133	-	-	-	-	145	37 28	1,900	Manhasset, "		
Williamsburgh, - - -	Elbert S. Porter, -	200	13	14	2	-	2	450	8	6	-	3	800	-	12,000	Brooklyn, E. D.,		
Astoria, - - - - -	M. L. Haines, -	106	22	3	11	-	1	227	11	2	76	1	290	659 49	4,291 99	Astoria, "		
Flushing, - - - - -	O. E. Cobb, -	95	7	3	2	-	3	322	3	2	-	-	175	405 25	3,500	Flushing, "		
Greenpoint, - - - - -	Lewis Francis, -	215	18	5	11	-	4	412	9	6	-	2	791	523 35	8,921 76	113 Noble St., Brooklyn, E. D.		
South Bushwick, - - -	George D. Hulst, -	120	19	15	9	-	5	231	6	1	-	1	650	70	5,148 93	15 Himrod St., "		
Second Astoria, - - -	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, -	95	19	-	-	-	245	30	-	-	-	1	180	31	850	Astoria, N. Y.		
East Williamsburgh, -	Vacant, -	30	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	29	11	119 11	95 92	Queens, "		
Queens, - - - - -	Andrew Hageman, -	100	6	4	4	-	1	134	7	-	-	124	1	169	850 39	1,777 84	Queens, "	
German Ev., Brooklyn,	John M. Wagner, -	254	20	1	3	-	7	546	00	-	-	350	2	780	392 42	3,350	315 Graham Av., B'klyn, E. D.	
Sayville, - - - - -	G. Van Emerick, -	44	-	2	3	-	-	79	7	-	90	16	1	90	22 79	451 69	Sayville, N. Y.	
Locust Valley, - - -	A. DeWitt Mason, -	55	4	2	2	-	-	63	9	2	21	-	100	104 21	749 75	Locust Valley, "		
College Point, - - -	Herman C. Berg, -	69	5	-	-	-	1	124	8	2	61	18	1	200	402 71	18,168 65	College Point, "	
Laurel Hill, - - - - -	Vacant, -	147	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	85	-	-	Long Island City, "	
First Ref., L. I. City,	Ernest Gutweller, -	39	6	-	-	-	37	15	-	-	-	9	1	105	-	677 21	Long Island City, "	
Bushwick, - - - - -	Henry A. Powell, -	297	55	17	7	-	5	405	12	24	-	-	1	1112	138	7,154 40	13 Orient Av., B'klyn, E. D.	
German Ev., Jamaica,	Henry Brech, -	50	21	2	-	-	153	15	-	-	61	11	1	65	53	1,510 93	Jamaica, N. Y.	
Jericho, - - - - -	J. B. Wilson, \$	22	3	11	-	-	14	-	-	1	-	-	1	40	-	237 76	Jericho, "	
Total, - - - - -		2323	258	402	78	1	384248	215	56	436	707	29	6447	\$4,958 27	\$81,266 72			

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D.; Rev. J. B. Alliger, New York City; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.; Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.,) New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John W. Enisch, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Wm. Ferris, 230 South Fifth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Union Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

* To Jericho, 4.

+ Revised.

+ Pastor elect.

\$ Missionary.

‡ Last year's report.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		On Certificate.		On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
		Rec'd.	On Confession													
Brooklyn,	David N. Vanderveer,	181	24	17	6	5	316	4	4	100	2	600	\$6,031 92	\$6,796 34	95 Livingston St., B'klyn, N.Y.	
Flatbush,	Cornelius L. Wells,	115	7	8	-	6	233	2	-	200	1	350	5,414 41	4,000	Flatbush, Kings Co.,	
Flatbush Mission,	Charles S. Wright,	55	-	-	-	1	35	12	-	85	1	78	193	-	New Utrecht,	
New Utrecht,	Alfred H. Brush,	98	2	3	6	4	236	8	-	100	3	330	626 34	2,459 23	Gravesend,	
Gravesend,	A. P. Stockwell,	125	5	3	-	4	190	5	171	116	2	190	892 15	1,800	Flatlands,	
Flatlands,	Anson DuBois,	80	4	2	3	4	190	5	185	85	2	247	407 72	2,041 54	East New York,	
New Lots,	Nicholas Pearce,	70	5	1	4	2	174	6	2	289	50	152	503 75	2,178 58	East New York,	
East New York,	William J. Hill,	*81	6	5	4	3	118	3	-	200	1	325	424 33	2,125 44	1059 3d Av., Brooklyn,	
South Brooklyn,	Henry V. S. Myers,	58	3	1	-	-	82	14	2	96	51	1	81 64	1,501 46	365 Union St., Brooklyn,	
Middle	Edward P. Ingersoll,	182	6	15	7	5	531	14	1	-	1	330	560 11	8,400	257 12th St.,	
12th St.	Uriah D. Gulick,	200	43	23	16	3	615	33	12	668	2	1373	765 74	7,485 52	180 Clermont Av.,	
North	Alexander R. Thompson	70	15	4	3	5	3	9	4	140	1	262	257 04	4,288 02	Monroe Place,	
Ch. on the Heights, Bkn	Alfred J. Hutton,	108	19	8	26	11	373	5	1	40	2	430	7,021 60	1,212	722 Herkimer St.,	
New Brooklyn,	Jacob Weber,	110	18	2	3	4	298	104	2	25	1	300	75	7,298 26	676 Bedford Av.,	
Bedford	Walter T. Griffin,	150	26	30	6	3	157	2	7	115	1	173	94 67	500	Flatbush, Kings Co.,	
Second, Flatbush,	Charles H. Schwarzbach	42	8	-	-	-	82	11	-	7	1	60	-	-	East New York,	
Canarsie,	Conrad Dickhout,	23	2	-	-	1	79	7	-	12	1	70	-	-	-	
Total,		1748	193	122	78	6	5837 35	245	26	2144	1909	24	\$24,261 72	\$59,678 84		

Other Ministers.—Rev. John A. Lansing, 430 Gates Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob West, 34 Vesey St., New York City; Rev. John M. Ferris, 34 Vesey St., New York City; Rev. Daniel Rapaport, Amoy, China; Rev. Robert G. Strong, Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y.; Rev. John M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, 104 Willoughby St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. David S. Sturphen, Bloomfield, N. J.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Centreville.....	Alonzo P. Peeke.....	25	1	3	3	1	2	155	1	8	.....	.....	1	148	\$82 96	\$1,569	Centreville, Mich.
Constantine.....	J. W. Beardsee, (s.c.).	75	2	1	2	1	.....	121	3	1	30	.....	2	235	292 10	1,257 04	Constantine, "
De Spelder.....	Joseph H. Kershaw, S.S.	35	1	5	9	.....	.....	333	.....	.....	41	.....	1	86	21 34	189	Ridgeway, "
Grand Rapids.....	Peter Moordyk.....	80	18	14	1	.....	1	178	8	1	150	100	1	260	209	4,000	Grand Rapids, "
Hope, 2d Holland.....	David Van Pelt.....	56	2	1	5	1	3	97	.....	.....	72	20	2	135	* 701 97	847 59	Holland, "
Macon.....	John A. De Spelder....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	.....	6	64	.....	1	120	52 44	307 43	Macon, "
Porter.....	Vacant +.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Newberg, "
South Bend.....	N. Dubois Williamsont	40	12	.....	1	.....	1	63	2	0	22	15	2	340	110 21	693 69	South Bend, Ind.
South Macon.....	John A. De Spelder...	34	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	2	1	51	.....	1	80	65 02	260	Macon, Mich.
	Total	450	67	23	20	2	7	746	16	27	420	135	11	1,414	\$1,535 04	\$9,123 75	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Charles Scott, Provisional President of Hope College, Holland, Mich.; Rev. T. Roney Beck, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich.

* Gifts to debt of Hope College by Professors amounted to \$375, and from the remaining membership to \$106. † Last year's report. ‡ Revised list of members.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.		Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First Freehold.....	Theo. W. Wells, (s. c.).	100	3	4	8	.....	8	201	4	.....	108	80	2	155	\$213 32	\$3,008 31	Marlboro, Monm'th Co., N. J.
Holmdel.....	William Reiley.....	90	5	2	5	.....	3	184	8	4	100	.....	1	100	316 21	1,030	Holmdel, " " " "
Spotswood.....	Stephen J. Harmeling..	40	2	5	2	.....	1	67	1	.....	30	60	3	120	168 57	866 08	Spotswood, Middlesex, " "
Middletown.....	Charles D. Buck.....	43	1	1	1	.....	4	80	11	5	35	.....	1	50	146 57	1,484 53	Middletown, Monm'th, " "
Second Freehold.....	Isaac P. Brokaw.....	103	12	17	4	.....	1	214	1	1	83	75	1	150	*2,576 85	3,236 95	Freehold, Monm'th Co., " "
Keyport.....	Elias Mend.....	56	.....	1	2	.....	5	96	1	.....	30	10	1	125	132 30	747 10	Keyport, " " " "
First Long Branch.....	Charles J. Young.....	112	3	4	2	.....	4	212	10	5	105	50	2	275	154 60	1,455	Long Branch, " " " "
Colt's Neck.....	H. A. Hendrickson.....	120	22	3	8	.....	4	245	4	7	103	76	2	165	139 70	1,319 49	Colt's Neck, " " " "
Highlands.....	Abraham W. Allen.....	42	2	.....	.....	.....	32	64	17	1	18	.....	1	86	6	146	Highlands, " " " "
Asbury Park.....	Wm. N. Ballagh.....	50	10	9	2	.....	2	64	17	2	33	40	1	92	54 32	419 70	Asbury Park, " " " "
Second Long Branch....	Wm. H. Phrauet.....	30	1	1	4	.....	1	61	2	1	19	.....	1	70	10	1,165 59	East Long Branch, " " " "
Total.....	Total.....	786	63	47	38	2	33	1456	66	26	654	391	16	1388	\$3,917 87	\$14,878 75	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Garret C. Schanck, Marlboro', N. J.; Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Sup't Public Instruction, Freehold, N. J.; Rev. Ramsford Wells, Marlboro', N. J.

* \$2,000 Legacies from Ellen A. Hasbrook, deceased. † Stated supply.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

JUNE, 1882.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & C. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
Auriclesville.....	F. M. Kipp, Jr., S. S.....	46	7	3	3	.....	37	2	1	.....	.....	1	68	\$31 19	\$332 34	Auriclesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie.....	Richard K. Williams.....	145	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	203	2	.....	.....	2	200	350	5,600	Canajoharie, " "
Columbia.....	Peter A. Wessels, P. E.....	104	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	95	.....	.....	.....	1	60	.....	325	Columbia, " "
Cranesville.....	Vacant.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	34	.....	.....	.....	1	18	5	.....	Cranesville, " "
Carrytown.....	J. M. Compton, S. S.....	29	.....	2	.....	.....	2	*45	1	.....	.....	1	47	99 69	403 08	Rural Grove, " "
Ephratah.....	R. M. Stanbrough, S. S.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	123	.....	2	.....	1	82	102	1,500	Ephratah, " "
Florida.....	Richard A. Pearse.....	70	2	1	.....	.....	5	440	13	10	.....	1	150	584 26	2,575 02	Minaville, " "
Fonda.....	Thos. Walker Jones.....	215	26	3	.....	.....	2	197	1	9	50	.....	1	275	575	Fonda, " "
Fort Plain.....	Denis Wortman.....	153	16	4	6	.....	5	145	1	3	35	.....	1	108	237 33	Fort Plain, " "
Fort Herkimer.....	Vacant.....	100	6	2	1	.....	5	145	1	3	35	.....	1	108	237 33	Fultonville, " "
Fultonville.....	+Francis M. Kipp, Jr.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	95	1	.....	.....	2	200	33	519 43	Glen, " "
Glen.....	R. L. Schoonmaker.....	75	1	1	.....	.....	2	106	5	1	50	.....	2	160	249 90	Hagaman's Mills, " "
Hagaman's Mills.....	A. J. Hageman, (s. c.).....	25	1	1	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	75	50	Jordanville, " "
Henderson.....	Daniel Lord.....	425	4	3	.....	.....	6	169	12	2	65	150	1	150	214 46	Herkimer, " "
Herkimer.....	Ralph W. Brokaw.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Herkimer, " "
Indian Castle.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manheim.....	John Minor, S. S.....	40	2	.....	2	.....	65	2	.....	.....	.....	1	40	14 75	400	East Creek, " "
Mapletown.....	J. M. Compton, S. S.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Canajoharie, " "
Mohawk.....	James Edmonson.....	70	5	2	.....	.....	87	.....	3	.....	.....	1	90	20	3,410	Mohawk, " "
Port Jackson.....	J. R. Kyle.....	108	8	7	.....	.....	1	192	1	1	.....	25	1	136	139 55	Port Jackson, " "
St. Johnsville.....	Albert D. Minor.....	118	2	2	3	.....	3	153	5	.....	.....	50	2	150	100 67	St. Johnsville, " "
Spraker's Basin.....	J. M. Compton, S. S.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	36	9 45	Spraker's Basin, " "
Stone Arabia.....	Rufus M. Stanbrough.....	49	2	.....	4	.....	2	73	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	1,944 15	Stone Arabia, " "
Total.....	1798	82	28	31	44	2558	49	32	300	205	23	2233	\$2,866 07	\$41,458 70

† Pastoriate ends May 7th.

* Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Joseph Knieskern, Cortland Co., N. Y.

‡ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Commun.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Belleville.....	Vacant.....	107	1	10	5	.....	5	125	9	.....	104	110	1	157	\$672 86	\$2,062 36	Palleville, N. J.
First of Newark.....	William H. Gleason.....	160	8	28	6	.....	3	160	13	4	.....	250	520	520	1,688 07	6,487 04	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
Irvington.....	Henry Vehlslage (S. C.).....	140	4	2	.....	.....	2	160	.....	.....	44	60	6	180	.....	1,750	Irvington, " "
Second of Newark.....	Francis V. Van Vranken.....	90	2	2	.....	.....	4	160	4	1	50	100	1	200	259 30	2,466 32	Newark, " "
Franklin.....	A. Messler Quick.....	66	2	.....	.....	.....	5	103	3	.....	110	110	1	110	78	1,000	56 Seventh Av., Brooklyn.
North of Newark.....	David Waters.....	220	19	13	8	.....	4	436	5	4	200	756	6	756	10,751 01	6,997 97	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
West Newark.....	Frederick Kern.....	90	13	.....	.....	.....	9	163	48	1	160	256	2	350	49 50	2,410 44	" "
Clinton Avenue.....	William J. R. Taylor.....	176	7	20	10	.....	2	317	13	1	160	256	2	800	1,351 17	6,482 17	" "
East of Newark.....	Vacant.....	40	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	4	.....	.....	30	1	150	16 50	703 23	" "
Linden.....	Oscar Gesner, S. S.....	35	3	2	.....	.....	.....	49	3	3	.....	30	1	100	78 72	3,544 68	Linden, Union Co., " "
Woodside.....	Wm. H. Brodhead, S. S.....	35	3	2	.....	.....	.....	49	3	3	.....	30	1	100	78 72	3,544 68	Newark, Essex Co., " "
Stone House Plains.....	Jacob O. Van Fleet.....	47	8	27	5	.....	1	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	157	347	.....	Newark, Essex Co., " "
Orange.....	George S. Bishop.....	*60	9	1	6	.....	2	112	10	2	.....	.....	.....	1	18	923 57	Brookdale " "
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Andrew V. V. Raymond.....	165	10	21	10	2	3	328	18	3	.....	175	1	221	2,009 93	+1,681 75	East Orange, Essex Co., " "
		109	14	45	7	1	3	176	9	5	.....	105	1	240	829 32	7,414 71	Plainfield, Union Co., " "
Total.....		1505	105	175	74	3	39	2581	130	24	558	2023	18	4034	\$18,230 38	\$43,924 24	

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J.; Louis H. Bahler, Flemington, N. J.; Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.; Henry M. Voorhees, White House, N. J.; Ralph W. Brokaw, (r. e.), Belleville.

* Revised list. + Exclusive of Minister's support.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK, P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.		Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First New Brunswick.	Thos. C. Easton	293	35	28	14	....	20	523	11	5	300	150	1	428	\$1,912 95	\$11,243 77	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Wm. R. Taylor	145	25	10	6	....	9	310	5	9	150	50	6	300	1,200	1,800	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough	Ed. T. Corwin, (s. c.)	159	26	13	7	....	7	276	8	...	200	100	7	200	300	1,200	Millstone, "
Middlebush	James Le Pevre	55	3	3	12	....	6	180	2	3	120	110	1	150	400 93	1,500	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Vacant	50	1	3	4	....	3	140	5	1	60	50	2	125	162 88	896 44	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	Manchus H. Hutton	187	16	17	13	....	5	393	12	3	144	192	2	267	2,314 98	7,607 41	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook	Vacant	*74	1	4	3	....	5	104	3	...	27	149	1	149	89 84	1,114 21	Bound Brook, "
Third New Brunswick	Chas. Meyer, S. S.	*10	1	...	5	....	1	35	2	...	30	10	1	30	45	320	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	Alex. McWilliam	75	1	11	10	....	2	150	4	1	30	30	1	70	152 89	1,030	East Millstone, "
Metuchen	Jas. Cruikshanks	70	12	1	13	....	...	144	...	3	...	...	2	190	22 25	2,122 67	Metuchen, "
Total	Total	1068	97	92	87	....	58	2255	52	25	1061	841	24	1909	\$6,601 72	\$28,834 50	

Other Ministers.—Wm. H. Campbell, Pres. Rutgers College; Jacob Cooper, T. Sanford Doolittle, Prof's. in Rutgers College; Peter J. Quick, Librarian of Sage Library; addresses of all, New Brunswick, N. J.; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; John L. See, Sec. Board Education, 31 Vesey st., New York City; John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J.; David M. Talmage, Missionary, now in America, 34 Vesey st., New York City; Eugene S. Booth, Nagasaki, Japan; Islay Walden, Lassater Mills, N. C.; John H. Bergen, Elizabeth, N. J.; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Canada.

Licentiated.—De Witt T. Kelley, Prof. in Rutgers College, and Alex. G. Van Aken, both of New Brunswick, N. J.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

*Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

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New York (Collegiate)	Thomas E. Vermilye,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan.
Mission Pastors.—Rev. J. H. Bertholt, 160 W. 29th St., New York City; Rev. Abraham Thompson, (s. c.), 514 Ninth Av., (P. O.) New York City; Rev. A. J. Park, Weston, Conn.; Rev. Joseph E. Duryee, 37 W. 56th St., New York City; Rev. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, New York City; Rev. F. M. Kip, Chaplain Benevolent Institutions, Stapleton, N. Y.
Other Ministers.—Rev. Enoch Van Aken, Emeritus, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. J. B. Steele, Canajoharie, N. Y.; Rev. C. M. Jameson, Editor, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. John Forsyth, Newburgh, N. Y.; Rev. William H. Miller; Rev. J. H. Sinclair, Teacher, Stapleton, N. Y.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. William L. Johnson, Missionary, Orangeburg, S. C.; Rev. G. H. Mandeville, 327 E. 34th St., New York City; Rev. James Bolton, Eaton town, N. J.; Rev. P. N. Zabrickie, Editor of Christian Intelligencer, 6 New Church St., New York City; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, New York City. * Revised list.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Children.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
			Rec'd.															
Berea,	Peter H. Milliken,	70	9	2	1	1	1	136	5	2	20	1	104	\$201 40	\$1,028 80	St. Andrews,		
Bloomington,	Vacant,	47	3	1	-	-	-	95	2	-	-	-	75	30 43	1,930	Bloomington,		
Callicoon,	Carl Schmolz, P. E.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Callicoon,		
Clareville,	R. P. Milliken, S. S.,	30	19	-	-	-	-	58	2	-	11	2	50	6	75	Clareville,		
Cuddebackville,	Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Cuddebackville,		
Deerpark,	Gerrit Talmage,	193	16	11	7	1	3	280	8	9	150	2	451	950 13	3,336 76	Port Jervis,		
Ellenville,	J. Hutchins, P. E.,	86	-	3	6	-	1	232	3	-	20	1	140	106 40	2,438 66	Ellenville,		
Fallsburgh,	Walter S. Brown,	88	2	2	-	-	-	122	-	45	20	1	95	23 50	808 64	Woodbourne,		
Grahamville,	R. P. Milliken,	41	1	1	1	1	1	112	-	-	13	1	50	1 50	1,430	Grahamville,		
Merhonkson,	Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Kerhonkson,		
Manakating,	Jno. Du Bois, S. S.,	45	-	2	2	-	1	99	2	-	-	1	60	-	383 54	Wurtsboro,		
Kinnisink,	Vacant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Montague,		
Montgomery,	Ferdinand S. Schenck,	185	-	3	12	6	398	500	5	-	150	1	150	1,309 47	2,484 61	Montgomery,		
Newburgh,	H. V. S. Meyers, P. E.,	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130	172 65	2,578 20	Newburgh,		
New Hurley,	Robert H. Beatie,	100	5	5	1	4	154	140	2	-	-	-	-	157	728	New Hurley,		
New Prospect,	John T. Demarest,	82	1	-	-	-	7	253	7	-	46	3	125	92 51	1,655 37	Pine Bush,		
Shawangunk,	Vacant,	70	1	-	5	-	34	-	-	-	14	1	60	3 50	170	Bruyaswick,		
Unionville,	R. P. Milliken, S. S.,	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175	300	2,200	Grahamville,		
Walden,	M. V. Schoonmaker,	80	20	5	5	-	7	185	6	2	-	1	70	102 89	1,325 26	Walden,		
Walkill Valley,	Richard De Witt,	70	-	3	6	-	3	98	4	-	-	1	80	35	500	Shawangunk,		
Walpack (Upper),	G. S. Garretson,	-	2	2	2	1	51	1	2	-	-	-	110	43 39	725	Dingman's Bridge,		
Walpack (Lower),	Henry L. Rex,	67	-	1	2	-	148	1	2	-	80	2	-	-	-	Rushkill,		
Warwarsing,	G. D. Lydecker, P. E.,	61	1	1	5	2	88	2	2	-	-	-	-	18 42	75	Napanoch,		
Total,	- - - - -	1352	79	42	107	2	42	3103	51	45	504	21	2017	3,604 25	23,892 84	-		

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. W. E. Turner, Lake Mahopac, N. Y.; Rev. E. W. Bentley, Canton Center, Conn.; Rev. C. Spaulding, 254 West 34th street, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.					CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
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Aquackanonck.....	John Gaston.....	160	11	7	8	7	5	355	10	2	300	175	1	285	\$1,585 69	\$4,031 65	Passaic, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson.....	Nat. H. Van Arsdale.....	160	10	4	12	3	5	182	6	2	143	150	1	150	280 24	3,284 16	Paterson, N. Y.
Clarkstown.....	Vacant.....	86	9	3	12	3	5	123	1	2	116	10	1	90	407 17	1,389	Mont Moore, N. J.
First Holland, Paterson.....	James Huyssoon.....	90	3	9	4	3	3	153	22	1	178	42	1	77	94 25	884 90	Paterson, N. J.
Holland, Lodi.....	Louis G. Jongeneel.....	52	4	...	3	...	1	52	10	...	195	...	1	37	7 86	310 37	Lodi "
Holland, Passaic.....	William Wormser.....	122	11	31	...	...	1	132	24	...	344	...	1	180	54 27	1,068 75	Passaic, "
Holland, Wortendyke.....	Vacant.....	83	43	25	3	1	1	167	19	...	246	79	3	103	88 10	2,635 94	Hohokus. "
Second Lodi.....	Robert M. Oford.....	95	2	9	16	...	3	136	14	...	93	120	1	64	50	2,400	Lodi, "
North Passaic.....	Asher Anderson.....	75	2	9	16	...	3	136	14	...	93	120	1	243	422 38	2,122 30	Passaic, N. Y.
Nyack.....	Wm. H. Clark, (s. c.).....	163	44	42	7	...	5	334	15	15	150	220	1	301	884 16	4,531 77	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus.....	John C. Van Deventer.....	169	8	4	5	...	6	192	6	1	120	100	1	100	367 06	2,924	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack.....	Edward Lodewick.....	80	10	1	5	...	1	127	2	2	100	100	1	100	42 82	1,599 18	Pack Ridge, N. Y.
Piermont.....	William C. Stitt.....	50	10	6	2	...	1	105	2	...	35	100	1	100	287	2,172	Piermont, N. J.
Ramapo.....	William W. Letsont.....	36	2	2	2	1	1	42	2	1	...	...	1	50	...	300	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramseys.....	William W. Letsont.....	20	2	2	1	...	33	4	1	...	...	...	1	50	...	150	Ramseys, "
Ridgewood.....	John A. Van Nester.....	48	13	3	...	...	1	79	4	3	43	25	1	102	46	1,381	Ridgewood, N. Y.
Saddle River.....	William E. Bogardus.....	*55	62	3	3	...	2	*94	2	...	75	...	1	50	43 25	2,223 88	Monsey, N. Y.
Second Totowa.....	John H. Duryea.....	130	8	1	8	...	10	220	8	140	115	1	240	313 53	2,200	2,233 88	Paterson, N. J.
Spring Valley.....	Cornelius F. Crispell.....	90	1	3	2	...	4	109	8	...	35	40	1	128	81 02	1,443 01	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan.....	George M. S. Blauvelt.....	100	3	5	5	...	6	145	8	200	100	4	200	200	1,300	1,300	Tappan, N. Y.
Warwick.....	Vernon B. Carroll.....	100	2	1	3	...	9	142	3	1	60	50	1	60	573 39	2,150	Warwick, "
West New Hempstead.....	Vacant.....	37	..	2	...	...	2	71	...	...	20	...	1	60	52 96	420 25	Monsey, "
Total.....	Total.....	1821	192	165	93	5	67	3063	169	32	2698	1456	27	2770	\$5,894 15	\$40,262 16	

Other Ministers.—Wm. Hazenberg, in Africa, Marshall B. Smith, Passaic, N. J.

* Revised List. † Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Boardville	Vacant	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$88 32	Midvale, Passaic Co.,	N. J.
Boonton	Oliver H. Walser	59	12	11	7	2	13	98	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$4 24	Boonton, Morris	"
Fairfield	James H. Owens	59	7	1	4	.....	.....	175	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	Fairfield, Essex	"
Franklin Furnace	Jonah Vaughn	65	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	Franklin Furnace, Sussex Co.,	"
Little Falls	Philip Furbeck	60	1	3	.....	.....	.....	21	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	Little Falls, Passaic Co.,	N. J.
Montville	James Keule	90	2	1	4	.....	.....	2	119	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 50	Little Falls, Morris	"
Sixth Paterson, Holland	H. R. Koopman	287	9	31	.....	.....	.....	13	358	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	187 36	Paterson, Passaic	"
Pompton Plains	J. Henry Whitehead	130	5	7	4	.....	.....	3	293	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	Pompton Plains, Morris Co.,	"
Pompton	John N. Jansen (s. c.)	65	1	7	5	.....	.....	3	155	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	296 29	Pompton, Passaic Co.,	"
Ponds	Albert A. King	65	10	1	1	.....	.....	3	102	14	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	251 50	Pompton, Passaic Co.,	"
Preakness	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	58	5	7	1	.....	.....	3	168	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	151 68	Oakland, Bergen	"
First Totowa	John S. Danner	133	5	9	3	.....	.....	5	225	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137 48	Paterson, Passaic	"
Union Reformed	H. E. Nies	160	19	32	4	.....	.....	2	251	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	245 15	Paterson, Passaic	"
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle	90	9	2	5	.....	.....	5	130	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 75	Paterson, Passaic	"
																		136 28	Wyckoff, Bergen	"
	Total	1351	88	105	40	4	42	2138	153	17	747	618	22	2068				\$1,981 84		
																		\$17,540 93		

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, County Supt. of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.; Rev. A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J.; Rev. James Demarest, 186 Belleville Ave., Newark, N. J.; Rev. James E. Barnart, Chester, Orange Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
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Harlingen	John S. Gardner	150	3	8	10	...	2	301	10	40	3	200	\$252 76	\$1,940 04	Harlingen, N. J.	
Neshanic	John Hart	166	6	4	5	...	4	270	18	4	...	50	2	235	454 83	1,618 20	Neshanic, N. J.	
First Philadelphia	Thomas X. Orr	100	5	2	17	...	5	250	4	2	...	...	...	300	1,050 36	4,494 87	517 Brown St., Philadelphia.
Blawenburg	Wm. B. Voorhees (s. c.)	107	4	1	3	...	5	251	3	2	...	90	...	150	400	1,515	Blawenburg, Pa.	
Addisville	Isaac Collier	85	3	1	...	...	1	167	3	3	...	50	4	175	138 68	1,216 02	Richboro, Pa.
Rocky Hill	Sidney O. Lawing	66	3	2	7	...	3	147	2	2	...	71	1	100	156 92	949 94	Rocky Hill, N. J.	
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	155	10	...	...	...	5	214	43	...	...	46	1	300	244 50	1,934 42	1,538 Otis St., Philadelphia.
Clover Hill	M. N. Oliver	75	6	2	5	...	2	139	1	5	...	...	1	175	124 50	2,028	Clover Hill, N. J.
Three Bridges	Edward Birdsell	60	4	5	3	...	1	87	3	1	...	...	2	139	7	640 89	Three Bridges, N. J.
Second Philadelphia	Nathaniel I. Rubinkam	200	19	10	12	1	12	*485	11	6	...	...	2	650	2,691 84	7,325	929 Franklin St., Phila.
Vacant	Vacant	78	8	3	5	...	4	*152	2	7	...	...	...	90	86	1,192 85	Stanton, N. J.
N. & S. Hampton	Samuel Streng	120	3	5	9	2	1	251	3	1	...	...	2	150	246 35	1,490	Churchville, Pa.
Third Philadelphia	Abm. R. Van Nest	60	6	3	6	...	1	87	4	...	...	60	2	160	498 12	1,518 43	1,634 Walnut St., Phila.
Fourth Philadelphia	Vacant	102	8	2	1	...	3	242	9	2	...	100	1	376	277	1,499 87	Manayunk, Pa.	
Total	Total	1524	88	48	83	3	48	3093	113	35	...	437	23	3100	\$6,628 86	\$29,363 53		

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., Amoy, China; Rev. G. E. Gramm, 1,656 Vienna St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. A. Stoll, Baipore, India.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	On Certificate	Suspended.	Dismis- sion.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Cat- chisms.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of	Religious and Benevo- lent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
First, Poughkeepsie,	A. P. Van Geison (s. c.)	190	16	10	7	-	6	505	6	7	-	1	302	\$6,527 29	\$7,375	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie,	J. Elmendorf	129	4	7	8	-	5	335	2	2	-	1	155	2,263 97	5,318 72	"
Fishkill,	M. B. Thomas	81	1	6	6	-	1	175	-	-	-	1	104	179 97	2,846 35	"
Hopewell,	C. H. Polhemus	125	5	7	6	-	5	258	-	4	-	17	200	73 99	1,703 15	Hopewell Junction,
New Hackensack,	Henry Ward	100	2	6	3	-	2	155	1	-	52	5	225	392 14	1,294 75	New Hackensack,
Hyde Park,	C. R. Bianvelt	70	2	3	2	-	1	118	2	1	-	1	50	149 17	1,458 62	Hyde Park,
Fishkill-on-Hudson,	Charles W. Fritts	120	1	3	6	-	4	265	1	2	-	1	195	643 13	3,337 18	Fishkill on Hudson,
Rhinebeck,	L. Walter Lott	104	5	1	2	-	3	222	1	1	-	1	140	392 07	1,336 86	Rhinebeck,
Glenham,	William W. Schomp	46	5	1	-	-	4	54	6	-	-	1	120	84 94	708 94	Glenham,
Cold Spring,	J. Edward Lyall	25	2	1	-	-	1	40	1	1	-	1	40	9	600	Cold Spring,
Millbrook,		65	8	3	4	-	1	98	4	6	-	3	110	24 25	1,380 88	Millbrook,
Total,		1058	57	54	44	-	33	2225	24	24	113	20	1641	\$10,739 92	\$27,340 45	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill, N. Y.; Rev. H. Hermance, Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. G. R. Garretson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, Tarrytown, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Certificated.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Religions and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Raritan.....	J. Preston Scarle.....	200	41	25	.....	.....	8	467	14	13	.....	70	1	\$981 20	\$2,319 95	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
Readington.....	John H. Snock.....	200	12	14	11	.....	3	392	17	3	.....	.....	4	489 51	2,708 90	Readington, Hunterdon Co., "
Bedminster.....	John L. McNair.....	104	16	6	5	.....	4	238	7	3	60	.....	2	190	1,457 21	Bedminster, Somerset "
Lebanon.....	Sanford W. Roe.....	202	2	3	1	.....	3	336	8	2	.....	30	3	325	1,300	Lebanon, Hunterdon "
Rockaway.....	William Bailey.....	45	5	2	9	1	5	212	2	2	75	.....	1	127 20	1,080	White House "
North Branch.....	P. M. Doolittle.....	125	4	8	24	.....	8	202	6	7	.....	100	1	538 10	1,241 01	North Branch, Somerset "
Second Raritan.....	Vacant.....	200	29	15	30	1	.....	499	7	11	120	100	1	275	2,730 48	Somerville, "
Peapack.....	Charles T. Anderson.....	120	8	2	1	.....	3	205	7	4	148	.....	1	295 10	1,485 72	South Branch, "
Branchville.....	William E. Davis.....	123	18	13	9	.....	1	278	4	9	.....	235	1	728 98	2,019 39	South Branch, "
Third Raritan.....	Charles H. Pool.....	110	26	5	16	.....	5	267	7	5	127	.....	1	258	2,400 30	Raritan, Northampton "
Easton.....	Vacant.....	70	6	.....	8	1	1	135	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Easton, Northampton "
Plainfield (German).....	Frederick E. Schleider.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	Plainfield, Union "
Pottersville.....	William H. Hoffman.....	80	1	.....	4	1	1	100	.....	.....	.....	40	1	127	600	Pottersville, Hun'd'n "
High Bridge.....	Artemas Dean.....	71	1	1	.....	.....	1	99	7	.....	80	.....	1	148 52	5,250	High Bridge "
Clinton Station.....	Wm. H. Williamson.....	82	5	6	1	.....	3	135	1	1	.....	.....	1	105	1,699 02	Ammandale, "
Fourth Raritan (Ger.).....	Frederick E. Schleider.....	24	5	2	1	.....	.....	30	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	291 34	Plainfield, Union "
Total.....	.....	1810	179	102	130	4	46	3625	94	50	667	555	22	2565 \$4,755 85	\$37,911 73	.....

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, Union Co., N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan. Rev. Robt. Van Amburgh, Lebanon, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J. Rev. George H. Cleveland, 118 First Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. J. F. Mesick, Blawenburgh, N. J., (s. c.). Rev. B. T. Statessir, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Gilbert Lane, South Branch, N. J. Rev. C. H. Edgar, Easton, Pa.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Number of Families.	Received on	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.		Total now in	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.		Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
			Confession	Received on	Discontinued.	Discontinued.	Discontinued.												
Blooming Grove.....	Wm. H. Van Doren...	70	6	3	3	1	1	80	5	6	115	...	1	75	\$17 84	\$1,741 95	Defreestville, N. Y.		
Castleton.....	Geo. A. Mills.....	100	2	4	...	...	3	174	2	...	...	...	1	80	178 93	1,341 21	Castleton, " "
Chatham.....	Theo. S. Brown, S. S. ...	112	1	3	4	...	2	161	1	...	...	...	1	230	379	1,600	Chatham, " "
First Ghent.....	John B. Drury.....	75	1	4	...	...	5	119	4	...	35	40	1	105	195	3,800	Ghent, Col. Co., " "
Second Ghent.....	Isaac S. Schenck.....	83	2	4	...	...	2	132	6	...	...	...	1	80	36 31	1,968	Stockport, " "
Greenbush.....	John Steele.....	120	1	2	10	...	3	281	2	100	30	125	1	125	245 05	2,548 05	East Greenbush, " "		
Kinderhook.....	Edward A. Collier.....	175	3	4	1	...	10	303	1	8	125	85	2	188	1,693 81	2,651 28	Kinderhook, " "		
Nassau.....	J. S. N. Demarest (s.c.).	136	4	1	10	...	7	300	6	2	40	...	1	90	298 76	2,322 35	Nassau, " "		
New Concord.....	Theo. S. Brown, S. S. ...	30	2	1	...	...	1	36	...	...	...	...	1	31	39 13	312 96	New Concord, " "
Schoodack.....	Wm. V.enschoten.....	80	...	...	4	...	117	1	117	1	165	40	3	100	142 22	803 10	Mulizeskill, " "
Schoodack Landing.....	Wm. J. Leggett.....	75	3	...	7	1	3	165	3	2	115	60	1	123	171 17	1,336 34	Schoodack Landing, " "		
Stuyvesant.....	Edbert Nevius.....	*70	1	1	3	...	4	78	3	...	39	...	1	90	298 08	615 95	Stuyvesant, " "		
Stuyvesant Falls.....	H. R. Schermerhorn...	460	1	1	...	...	105	105	...	...	...	...	1	55	8 94	733 48	Stuyvesant Falls, " "
Total.....	Total.....	1196	25	26	46	2	41	2051	34	13	734	255	16	1372	\$3,644 24	\$21,837 97			

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. C. Fowler, Fargo, Dakota, *practicing law*; Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y., *retired*.

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CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Boght.....	Geo. I. Taylor.....	30	2	1				43			18			1	53	\$26 50	\$600	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks.....	James L. Southard.....	41	6	5				67			5			1	81	51 75	656 25	Buskirks, "
Cohoes.....	J. Paschal Strong.....	220	11	6	5			890	21	4	25		1		391	354 05	3,704 85	Cohoes, "
Easton.....	Vacant.....	30																Easton, "
Fort Miller.....	D. K. Van Doren, S. S.....	35	1	4	1			67	11	2				1	60	24 66	286 32	Fort Miller, "
Gansevoort.....	A. G. Cochran, S. S.....							419										Gansevoort, "
Northumberland.....	Vacant.....	60	2	1				87		1				1	75		800	Northumberland, "
Rensselaer.....	George I. Taylor.....	13						7						1	35		160	Cohoes, "
Saratoga.....	D. K. Van Doren.....	62	5	1		3	155			20				1	125	80 05	1,251 47	Schuylerville, "
Schaghticoke.....	Edward G. Ackerman.....	44	2	2			69	3	2	36				2	92	14 50	918	Reynolds, "
Union Village.....	Vacant.....	60	31	14	6		144	2	21	166	125			1	125	36 41	1,219 81	Greenwich, "
West Troy.....	Jno. G. Lansing.....	167	3	3	1		256	4	1					1	310	384 14	3,325 70	West Troy, "
West Troy (South).....	Selah W. Strong, (s. c.).....	150	17	12		3	244	15	5	129	219			1	280	828 73	2,805 93	West Troy, "
Wynantskill.....	C. P. Evans, S. S.....	82					1	99			99			1	50	50	1,200	Wynantskill, "
Total.....	Total.....	994	71	53	14	23	1647	56	38	500	345		13	1677		\$1,850 79	\$1,938 33	

Other Ministers.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, West Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. S. L. Tomb, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron Hillsdale, Mich.

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CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.		Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.		No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First Schenectady.....	William E. Griffiths.....	250	5	3	4	10	237	1	1	1	200	3	650	\$661 67	\$6,043 91	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady.....	Peter E. Kipp.....	115	25	10	3	2	186	2	12	.....	.....	1	234	107 50	4,407 47	Schenectady, "
First Glenville.....	William J. Hill T.....	155	3	.....	.....	5	277	4	1	.....	160	2	250	408	1,294 35	Glenville, "
Second Glenville.....	Herman Vandervort.....	85	10	.....	1	1	168	3	1	.....	.....	2	150	50	2,654	Scotia, "
First Rotterdam.....	John C. Lowe.....	130	4	4	.....	4	121	6	1	55	.....	2	130	111 85	70	Pattersonville, "
Second Rotterdam.....	Ira Van Allen.....	50	4	2	2	4	70	5	.....	55	.....	1	75	.....	1,371 50	Schenectady, "
Helderberg.....	Samuel L. Gamble.....	245	2	4	.....	3	512	5	.....	.....	100	3	365	242 59	1,275	Guilderland Centre, "
Niskayuna.....	John A. DeBaun (s. c.).....	100	2	2	1	4	204	.....	100	100	100	2	200	272	1,050	Niskayuna, "
Lisha's Kill.....	John A. DeBaun.....	85	2	2	.....	4	168	.....	.....	50	100	2	160	140	910 75	Niskayuna, "
Amity.....	Benjamin A. Bartholof.....	84	4	1	5	2	132	1	2	.....	70	1	150	100	1,000	Vischers' Ferry, "
Princeton.....	J. Kelley Rhinehart.....	90	4	1	3	3	273	9	.....	50	75	1	140	133 60	1,106 50	Gifford, "
Total.....		1389	63	23	29	42	2448	36	18	360	705	21	2504	\$2,227 21	\$22,473 48	

Other Ministers.—E. C. Lawrence, Schenectady, N. Y.; Wm. W. Letson, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. D. B. Hall, Duaneburg, N. Y.; William P. Phrauer, Jamaica, N. Y.; A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.

* Revised list.

† Pastor elect.

Candidate.—Lauren Vanderveer, Schenectady, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.							Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
		Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.											
Schoharie.....	Augustus F. Todd.....	70	2	...	3	...	4	114	1	...	...	25	1	75	\$103 38	\$1,338 99	Schoharie, N. Y.	
Middleburgh.....	Elbert N. Sebring.....	90	...	1	...	...	1	115	1	...	...	20	1	100	58 25	1,063 39	Middleburgh, "	
Gallupville.....	Vacant.....	45	...	...	...	...	1	95	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	Gallupville, "	
Berne.....	Robt. Doig (s. c.).....	*61	14	...	1	...	7	*134	5	8	29	...	20	1	60	190 17	1,000	Berne, "
Beaverdam.....	Robt. Doig.....	60	21	3	1	...	1	116	...	14	25	...	14	1	100	25	450	Beaverdam, "
Lawyerville.....	William P. Davis.....	70	4	...	...	...	2	71	...	...	...	...	20	1	40	161	1,000	Lawyerville, "
Schoharie Mountain.....	William D. Buckelew.....	50	...	...	2	...	1	89	1	...	...	...	20	1	80	27 88	500	Howe's Cave, "
North Blenheim.....	Edward Miller.....	35	...	...	1	...	1	40	...	...	...	...	15	1	40	6 25	180	North Blenheim, "
Brenkabin.....	Edward Miller.....	30	...	...	...	...	...	53	26	...	...	...	20	1	65	10 50	215	North Blenheim, "
Sharon.....	† Andrew Parsons.....	47	...	...	1	...	1	124	...	...	...	...	...	1	140	60	2,500	Sharon Centre, "
Gilboa.....	Vacant.....	70	6	...	4	...	4	98	...	...	...	...	...	1	140	...	...	Gilboa, "
Central Bridge.....	William D. Buckelew.....	20	...	...	...	...	2	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	4	70	Howe's Cave, "
Prattsville.....	Norman F. Nickerson.....	65	26	7	...	...	2	101	1	19	19	...	70	1	70	42	2,469 60	Prattsville, "
Moresville.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Grand Gorge, "
Total.....	Total.....	716	73	11	13	...	26	1162	35	41	88	234	12	950	...	\$688 43	\$10,786 98	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. S. Lott, 54 Seventh ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., infirm in health; Rev. J. H. Van Woert, Lawyerville, Schoharie Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. T. L. Shafer, East Maine, Broome Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. W. H. Carr, Albany, N. Y.

* Revised List.

† Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died,		Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Blue Mountain	Geo. W. Labaw	125	8	2	...	1	3	251	15	3	229	40	2	150	\$922 82	Saugerties, N. Y.		
Caatsban	Stephen Searle	82	1	...	1	...	5	168	5	1	117	...	1	...	1,312 75	Saugerties, "		
Esopus	Vacant	95	2	...	...	...	2	90	...	2	...	...	...	...	23	1,017 50	Ulster Park, "
Flatbush†	A. A. Zabriskie*	130	...	...	...	...	...	275	...	...	420	...	3	250	1,323 75	Glasco, "	
Kingston	J. G. Van Slyke	245	13	11	10	...	12	463	8	4	...	...	...	351	3,778	Kingston, "	
North Esopus	B. C. Lippincott	90	2	10	3	...	5	159	...	...	...	60	...	1	1,230	Port Ewen, "	
Plattekill	Wm. G. E. See	140	6	6	...	...	4	250	8	1	...	...	...	...	1,400 36	Glasco, "	
Roxbury	A. M. Arcularius	73	1	1	2	...	3	100	...	...	116	...	...	...	13 04	871 67	Roxbury, "
Saugerties	Sanford H. Cobb	195	6	2	...	...	4	290	12	3	178	135	1	175	936 69	3,032 90	Saugerties, "
Shandaken	A. J. Beekman	45	...	...	1	...	...	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	42 20	330	Shokan, "
Shokan	A. J. Beekman	67	11	1	2	...	4	130	5	8	...	...	...	...	20 50	569 68	Shokan, "
Stewartville	Bergen B. Staats	29	...	...	1	...	...	41	...	...	25	...	...	...	1 50	148	West Hurley, "
West Hurley	Bergen B. Staats	51	3	2	5	...	2	119	5	1	103	50	1	75	28 83	680 07	West Hurley, "	
Woodstock	Frank A. Force	63	5	1	4	...	1	121	...	...	85	...	...	...	23 50	682 77	Woodstock, "
Wiltwyck	Wm. A. Shaw, S. S.	46	5	4	...	...	2	83	1	...	27	...	...	...	100	602 48	Kingston, "
Total		1467	63	40	33	1	47	2611	78	24	1300	275	21	2016	\$3,063 06	\$17,505 75		

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. A. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Broadhead, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Meyers, Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. J. N. Voorhis, (s. c.), Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. B. C. Miller, Rev. N. F. Chapman, Smith's Landing, Greene Co., N. Y.; Rev. W. S. More, Emeritus, Etna, Bergen Co., N. J.

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* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Certificate.	On Confession.	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Bronxville,	Vacant,	45	12	1	1			96	2	3	5	87	\$313 08	\$2,077 06	Bronxville, N. Y.			
Cortlandtown,	Joseph A. Harper,	80	4					86			86	115	40 76	918 96	Montrose, " "			
Fordham,	William Anderson,	50	9	2				2	8			90	960 24	3,359	Fordham, New York City, N. Y.			
Greenburgh,	Vacant,	20						14							Tarrytown, " "			
Greenville,	George A. Reis,	32						2	48	1		40	53	789	Scarsdale, " "			
Hastings,	Vacant,	70						1	140			200		1,700	Hastings, " "			
Mount Vernon,	John E. Lang,	145	6	16	5	2	9	106	14	243	27	312	6 18	1,636 38	Morrisania, New York City, N. Y.			
Peckskill,	Chas. K. Clearwater (s.c.),	115	2				6	287	10	162	1	261	1,012 56	1,855 74	Mount Vernon, " "			
Tarrytown, First,	Vacant,	53	2				3	113	2	60	1	97	75	1,015	Peekskill, " "			
Tarrytown, Second,	John K. Allen,	102	14	4	4		2	249	7	113	1	236	659 13	2,588 47	North Tarrytown, " "			
Unionville,	John A. Todd,	100	16	8	7		9	329	4			100	555 51	3,884 77	Tarrytown, " "			
West Farms,	Howard Harris,	62	2	2	1		85			92	1	94	106 93	1,240 40	Neperan, " "			
Yonkers,	Harlan P. Blair,	42	9	16	17		1	46		40	1	90	27 66	1,267 14	West Farms, New York City, N. Y.			
	David Cole,	150					5	359	11	93		250	951 07	4,162 13	Yonkers, " "			
	Total,	1007	101	49	43	3	39	2049	59	18	540	2002	\$4,704 12	\$29,524 55				

Other Ministers.—Rev. Washington Roosevelt, Pelham; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Chappaqua, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. Wm. W. Rand, American Tract Society, Nassau St., New York City; Rev. Alex. Watson, Agent New York Bible Society, Sing Sing, N. Y.; Rev. John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, Yonkers, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Alto.....	John H. Karsten.....	97	1	2	2	2	191	15	1	175	36	1	135	\$482 38	\$1,000	Waupun, Wis.
Bethlehem.....	Vacant.....	15	6	5	5	3	33	8	1	293	122	1	135	50	51	Dillon's Station, Wis.
Cedar Grove.....	A. Wormser.....	78	3	183	8	6	397	59	2	606	180	1	310	989 42	873	73 Cedar Grove, Wis.
Chicago.....	Bernardus De Bey.....	223	27	34	16	6	397	10	1	103	32	1	35	1,061 96	2,082	43 414 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, Ill.
Danforth.....	Justus Meulendyk.....	41	3	2	2	1	69	10	1	103	32	1	35	35 60	556	Danforth, Ill.
Elmhurst.....	L. Watermuetter.....	52	2	2	2	1	63	11	1	20	20	1	50	100	800	Oregon, Ogle Co., Ill.
Forreston.....	J. Blacgen.....	23	2	1	1	1	45	7	1	23	23	1	35	53 61	699	Forreston, Ill.
Franklin.....	Vacant.....	16	2	5	1	1	33	3	1	21	21	1	35	97 30	91	Howard Prairie, Milwaukee Co., Wis.
Fulton.....	Vacant.....	112	5	13	3	1	112	35	2	336	110	1	135	375	800	Fulton, Ill.
Gibbsville.....	John W. Dunnewold.....	91	6	6	4	1	219	17	1	290	140	1	200	422 50	894	23 Gibbsville, Wis.
Greenleafon.....	Harm Van der Ploeg.....	65	5	5	5	2	120	14	1	200	120	1	80	105 55	1,298	Greenleafon, Minn.
1st Holland, Neb.....	John Huizinga.....	124	13	13	1	3	225	27	1	130	130	1	140	213 79	981	67 Holland, Lancaster Co., Neb.
2d Holland, Neb.....	Vacant.....	15	3	8	1	2	27	5	1	32	32	1	330	16	150	Lausang, Ill.
Lausang.....	Vacant.....	40	15	10	3	2	221	9	1	170	170	1	230	531 61	1,566	73 673 10th Street, Milwaukee, Wis.
Milwaukee.....	Wm. Moerdyk, (s. c.).....	32	2	2	2	2	40	2	1	127	30	1	40	36 21	500	New Amsterdam, Wis.
* New Amsterdam.....	Vacant.....	25	2	2	2	1	60	2	1	127	30	1	40	34	1,100	Oostburg, Wis.
Oostburg.....	John Muller.....	55	4	2	2	1	55	15	1	198	18	1	200	1,018 51	1,636	31 Peoria, Ill.
Peoria.....	John Muller.....	143	40	22	11	3	263	46	4	450	170	1	240	680	2,038	45 Roseland, Ill.
Roseland.....	Cornelius Krickard.....	130	6	4	4	1	137	30	1	100	70	2	210	410	1,420	30 Baileyville, Ogle Co., Ill.
Silver Creek.....	H. Matzke.....	86	4	9	16	5	163	25	1	333	100	1	120	42 26	74	30 South Holland, Ill.
South Holland.....	J. Kremer.....	18	9	1	1	1	36	5	1	25	25	1	120	42 26	74	30 Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Sheboygan Falls.....	Vacant.....	1531	155	113	90	8	47,262	342	12	3116	1718	17	2220	\$6,136 70	\$18,613 05	
Total.....																

Other Ministers.—H. G. Klyn, Keokuk, Iowa, emeritus, age. † Last year's report. † Pastor elect.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR THE YEAR 1882.

CLASSIS.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census.—Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.	
					Received on Confession	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
														Number of Catechumens.	Total Number of Scholars.				
Classis of Albany.....	17	19	...	1587	82	53	51	4	49	2047	77	24	...	377	24	3111	\$8,036	\$29,285	Rev. J. L. Pearce.
Classis of Arcot.....	22	9	...	1364	157	113	65	22	43	1481	235	143	2094	1037	75	5092	432	450	John H. Wyckoff.
Classis of Bergen.....	16	18	...	985	112	48	45	1	28	1257	297	3	...	1042	19	3237	3,797	41	P. V. Van Baskirk.
South Classis of Bergen.....	11	15	...	1055	82	46	56	3	26	1852	152	6	981	1002	12	2405	6,883	75	William R. Duryee
Classis of Cayuga.....	11	13	...	786	37	16	32	1	9	1129	19	6	...	223	13	1005	1,917	37	W. A. Wurts.
Classis of Geneva.....	17	11	...	1167	42	45	32	4	27	2032	87	1	504	193	14	1398	1,480	91	John Whitbeck.
Classis of Grand River.....	15	12	...	1382	95	75	72	4	33	1874	271	1	3725	1245	14	1981	4,297	98	C. Van der Veen.
Classis of Holland.....	7	7	...	659	19	15	11	...	17	1418	29	8	469	213	11	922	1,673	39	B. Van Zandt.
Classis of Holland.....	17	12	...	1059	68	63	47	4	31	2032	222	1	990	1307	12	1599	3,412	24	Peter Lepelak.
Classis of Hudson.....	10	12	...	1144	42	19	38	...	20	1956	31	13	80	...	15	1402	3,037	76	John S. Jorammon.
Classis of Illinois.....	22	21	...	1503	81	115	96	5	36	2033	238	8	2228	1129	26	2463	2,358	66	J. F. Harris.
Classis of Kingston.....	14	13	...	1400	63	36	45	3	32	2401	77	19	1291	1098	30	3210	1,935	24	Wm. H. Ten Eyck
North Classis of Long Island.....	21	25	...	2323	258	102	78	1	38	4248	215	56	436	707	29	6447	4,958	27	Charles S. Wright.
S. Classis of Long Island.....	17	24	...	1748	193	122	78	6	58	3735	245	36	2149	1909	24	5412	24,261	72	John W. Beardslee.
Classis of Michigan.....	9	10	...	450	67	23	20	2	7	746	16	27	420	135	11	1404	1,535	04	Theo. W. Wells.
Classis of Monmouth.....	11	14	...	786	63	47	38	2	33	1456	66	26	654	391	16	1388	3,917	87	A. J. Hageman.
Classis of Montgomery.....	23	17	...	1798	82	28	31	...	44	2558	49	22	558	295	23	2232	2,866	07	Henry Vehlase.
Classis of Newark.....	14	17	...	1505	105	175	74	3	39	2581	139	24	1061	841	18	4034	43,924	24	Edward T. Corwin.
Classis of New Brunswick.....	10	30	3	1068	97	92	87	...	58	2265	52	25	925	403	27	7857	43,662	06	Abm. Thompson.
Classis of New York.....	22	38	...	2619	547	165	139	4	69	7249	590	53	925	504	21	2017	3,604	35	Ed. W. Boutley.
Classis of Orange.....	23	21	...	1352	79	42	107	2	42	3103	51	24	45	504	27	2770	5,894	15	Wm. H. Clark.
Classis of Paramus.....	22	18	...	1821	192	105	93	5	67	3063	169	32	2698	1456	22	2908	1,981	84	John N. Jansen.
Classis of Passaic.....	14	17	...	1351	88	105	40	4	42	2128	153	17	747	618	22	3048	6,628	53	Wm. B. Voorhees.
Classis of Philadelphia.....	14	15	...	1524	88	48	83	3	48	3093	113	35	...	437	23	3100	10,739	92	A. P. Van Gieson.
Classis of Poughkeepsie.....	11	17	...	1058	57	54	44	...	33	2225	24	24	113	225	20	1641	4,730	33	John F. Mesick.
Classis of Raritan.....	16	23	...	1810	179	102	120	4	46	3925	94	50	667	555	20	2565	27,911	73	J. S. N. Demarest.
Classis of Rensselaer.....	13	14	...	1196	25	26	46	2	41	2051	36	38	500	705	21	3504	1,850	79	Selah W. Strong.
Classis of Saratoga.....	14	15	...	994	71	53	14	...	33	1647	96	36	380	345	13	1677	3,644	24	John A. De Baum.
Classis of Schenectady.....	11	14	...	1389	63	23	29	...	42	2448	36	18	88	234	12	950	688	43	Robert Dalg.
Classis of Schoharie.....	14	12	...	716	73	11	13	...	26	1162	35	41	88	275	21	2016	3,063	06	Jacob N. Voorhis.
Classis of Ulster.....	15	22	...	1467	63	40	33	1	47	2611	78	24	1360	576	17	2002	4,764	12	C. K. Clearwater.
Classis of Westchester.....	14	16	...	1007	101	49	43	3	39	2049	59	18	540	576	17	2220	6,136	70	William Moerdyk.
Classis of Wisconsin.....	22	15	...	1531	155	113	90	8	47	2662	342	12	3116	1718	17	2220	...	...	...
Total	33	545	3	43,611	3523	2219	1874	98	1239	80167	4051	859	29669	27273	687	84511	\$200,248	\$902,368	15

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would report as follows :

We have examined the Minutes of the several Particular Synods of our Church and would call the attention of the General Synod to the following items :

1. See Minutes of Particular Synod of Albany, pp. 39 and 40.

The Particular Synod would respectfully memorialize General Synod as follows :

WHEREAS, the use of the word " Hell " in the Apostles' Creed is objectionable to many as conveying a false impression; and

WHEREAS, General Synod in June, 1881, appointed a committee to decide what verbal alterations are necessary to make the Creed in the Catechism, the Compendium and the Liturgy, verbally identical and historically accurate; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully memorialize General Synod to examine into the propriety of substituting in the expression " he descended into Hell," the word Hades, or that at least the alternative use of that word be permitted.

The Particular Synod would respectfully memorialize General Synod as follows :

WHEREAS, the Church has constitutionally adopted a Revised Liturgy, and authorized that the sections adopted be printed in connection with our standards (vide Min. of Synod, vol. 13, pp. 501, 696, and vol. 14, p. 105), and

WHEREAS, it has never so been printed, therefore

Resolved, That General Synod be requested to inquire into the expediency of having it so printed, and bound up with some, or all of our Hymn books.

Your committee would suggest the reference of these memorials to the Committee on Overtures.

2. See the Minutes of Particular Synod of New York, p. 48, concerning an action of the Classis of Hudson to which the Synod seems to have paid no proper attention.

The record is as follows :

Resolved, That the resolution of the General Synod on page 735 of the Minutes of General Synod, requesting that Classis shall require reasons to be given for failure to take collections for all the boards, is deemed by this Classis to be unconstitutional. Therefore, with great respect, decline to comply with said request.

Resolved, That a copy of the resolution adopted by the Classis of Hudson, touching the matter to which the particular attention of the Classis has been called by resolution found on page 735 of Minutes of General Synod for 1881, be transmitted by this Body to the General Synod.

Your Committee has been informed by a delegate from the Classis of Hudson that since the meeting of Particular Synod the above resolution of the Classis has been rescinded and therefore calls for no action from this body.

3. See Minutes of Particular Synod of New Brunswick, p. 9.

Resolved, That this Particular Synod requests from the General Synod a clear definition of the class of persons which are intended, under the term in our statistical tables, "Baptized non-communicants."

Your committee finds that in the Minutes of General Synod, 1880, p. 497, this has already been done with great clearness.

4. See Minutes of Particular Synod of Chicago, pp. 211 and 212, containing reports of majority and minority on the subject of Secret Societies.

Peculiar circumstances evidently favored the adoption of the minority report which contains statements and recommendations to the churches under that jurisdiction in conflict with the deliverances of the General Synod and calculated to increase and prolong disastrous contentions, especially among our Western churches.

Your committee would suggest the reference of this action to the Committee on Overtures.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PAIGE PEEKE.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, so far as it related to applications for dispensations, and is as follows :

Your Committee have examined, so far as their means of information have permitted, into the facts that bear upon the requests for dispensations to those persons desiring to enter the gospel ministry, and in regard to two of them they submit the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the request for a dispensation made by the Classis of New York, in behalf of Mr. Edward J. Runk, who, for family reasons, has prosecuted a full course of theological study in Union Theological Seminary, New York city, be granted, and that he be relieved of the necessity of presenting a professorial certificate as a prerequisite to examination by the Classis.

2. *Resolved*, That the request for a dispensation from the necessity of completing the unfinished part of his college course, made through the Classis of Albany, in behalf of Mr. Frederick W. Ruhl, a student of theology at New Brunswick, be granted.

In regard to the application made by the Classis of Paramus for a dispensation to allow the Elder John Smith, to be examined with a view to his entering the gospel ministry, your Committee, while they warmly approve the Christian zeal manifested by Mr. Smith, and would be glad to further his efforts, are reluctantly constrained, for the want of fuller and clearer information, to recommend that the case be referred back to the Classis of Paramus until the next General Synod.

JOHN A. TODD, *Chairman*.

On the subject of

FREE MASONRY.

The Committee presented the following, which was adopted :

1. In regard to the memorials on the subject of FREE MASONRY, your Committee are gratified in being able to state that both in the written documents presented to the Synod, and in the verbal assurances of the delegates from the Classes interested, the memorialists take pains to manifest a spirit of loyalty to the Reformed Church in America, and a cordial desire

to promote her growth and welfare. It is largely due to this consideration that the Committee have given to the subject, renewedly brought before the Synod, an unusual amount of time, attention and kindly effort.

They feel constrained, however, to say that after the most patient inquiry and deliberation on every phase of the matter referred to them, the Committee find themselves at a loss to discover in what way this General Synod can go beyond the action already taken, without transcending its constitutional powers. The subject has already been before at least three General Synods of the Church, viz. : those of 1870, 1880 and 1881, and has been so amply investigated by previous committees, and so exhaustively discussed upon the floor, that the present Committee do not see how it is possible to throw any new light upon it.

They are not insensible to the embarrassments and perplexities arising to some of our Western churches out of the presence of this difficult question that has marred their peace and diverted their energy from the legitimate work of the Church. They wish to express for their brethren the sincerest sympathy, and the warmest desire that every occasion of trouble may soon be removed, and that with supreme loyalty to Christ and his Church they may go forward with united hearts and hands to the grand mission before them.

To cultivate on both sides a disposition to exercise mutual charity and forbearance ; to let the dead past bury its dead, and to concentrate the living strength of all Christ's followers upon the one paramount object which they should never forget, the salvation of men and the glory of God, your Committee firmly believe, would go far toward obviating all the difficulties of the situation. Surely in such a cause, and for such an end, it should be easy for Christian men to sacrifice something of their own prejudices or their own preferences upon the altar of Christian duty and of Christian love. It was a noble resolution expressed by the Apostle Paul, when he said, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." And it was a noble appeal that should find its echo in every Christian heart and life. "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything

whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended or made weak."

In this spirit, and with a view to promote the growing power and usefulness of the Church we love, as one of God's appointed agencies to evangelize our country and the world, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved* That all questions in regard to the standing and relations of individuals already in communion, and to the acceptance or rejection of applicants for admission to the privileges of the Church, be referred by this Synod for decision to the several Consistories, upon whom alone, under the Constitution, the responsibility rests, and to whom alone the power belongs.

2. *Resolved*, That while this Synod feels restrained by the constitutional limitation upon its authority from recommending any course that would invade the innocent freedom of speech, or of action guaranteed to every Church member by the established law and usage of the Church, it would at the same time, and in the spirit of Christian kindness, while emphatically reaffirming the deliverances of the Synod of 1880, as adopted by the Synod of 1881, advise all the parties concerned to abstain from forming any associations, and from pursuing any course of conduct that would furnish a Scriptural or reasonable ground of offense to tender consciences, or that would be likely to interfere with the love and co-operation that should always be found among the disciples of Christ.

3. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be directed to transmit to the Classes of Wisconsin and Holland a certified copy of the action taken by this Synod upon the two memorials which they have laid before it.

In reference to the overture from the Classis of Greene, and that from the Particular Synod of Albany, the Committee presented a majority and a minority report, both of which were accepted. The minority report was then adopted, and is as follows :

The undersigned members of the Committee on Overtures regret what seems to them the necessity of bringing in a minority report respecting the matter referred to in the memorials from the Classis of Greene and the Particular Synod of Albany.

They agree with the majority in thinking it desirable to cor-

rect the erroneous impression often made by the word "Hell" in the Apostles' Creed, by allowing the substitution of the very word used by the Holy Ghost speaking through the Apostle Peter upon this topic, but they find themselves unable to agree to ADD anything to this inspired utterance.

Therefore they offer for the adoption of Synod, instead of the resolution of the majority, the following :

Resolved, That an asterisk be appended to the word "*Hell*," wherever it occurs in the Apostles' Creed in our standards, with a note saying, "Instead of the word '*Hell*' may be used the word '*Hades*.'"

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. DANFORTH,
W. L. HAINES.

On the adoption of this portion of the report the ayes and nays were called for, and were ordered to be recorded, and are as follows :

AYES—James D. Garretson, William Smith, James Wyckoff, Peter Pells, J. R. Gale, Thomas Elmendorf, Paul T. Deyo, Victor M. Hulbert, M L. Haines, Geo. D. Hulst, C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, Jno. M. Wagner, A. H. Downer, Edward P. Ingersoll, Abm. J. Beekman, Wm. Ormiston, Wm. Bogardus, H. P. Allen, Edward W. Bentley, J. G. Millsbaugh, Joachim Elmendorf, L. Walter Lott, L. D. Barnes, David Cole, Chs. K. Clearwater, Rufus W. Clark, J. L. Pearse, W. D. Buckelew, Edward Miller, Peter S. Danforth, And. M. Arcularius, W. A. Shaw, Henry E. Legg, Cor. H. Van Gaasbeck, Christian Vander Veen, F. Van Driele, George Sharpely, John W. Warnshui, C. Rhynsburger, Andrew Hageman, Daniel Van Pelt, A. Paige Peecke, Bernardus De Bey, Josiah Meulendyk, A. Van Deursen, Peter V. Van Buskirk, Fr. M. Bogardus, Isaac D. Bogert, Paul D. Van Cleef, Henry Mattice, Garret E. Wynants, Hendrick A. Hendrickson, D. H. Van Mater, Isaac P. Brokaw, Henry Vehslage, F. V. Van Vranken, Wm. J. Skillman, Samuel Rankin, Evert Van Slyke, C. Otis Thatcher, J. Marcellus, P. Williamson, John B. Thompson, John H. Salisbury, Benj. Van Zandt, H. P. McAdam, Matthew Kolyn, Thos. W. Jones, And. J. Hageman, R. R. Williams, Jacob Hees, P. W. Putman, Charles Barse, Elbert Nevius, Wm. H. Van Doren, Horton Harder, James L. Southard, George I. Taylor, J. H. Thompson, Peter E. Kipp, Wm. H. Phraner, J. Kelly Rhinehart,

J. F. Clute, C. T. Williamson, Thomas C. Easton, James LeFevre, Jas. G. Cortleyou, James Stothoff, Ed. Kipp, Peter C. Kievitt, James E. Bernart, John N. Jansen, John Wortman, William J. Snyder, Sydney O. Lawsing, Chs. H. Pool, William H. Williamson—97.

NAVS—Thomas S. Shepherd, R. F. Denison, Edward A. Reed, Abm. Thompson, M. B. Schoonmaker, W. S. Northrop, Charles S. Hageman, John A. Todd, Jacob Storms, J. Van Doren, D. K. Van Doren, Jacob N. Voorhis, Adrian Krickard, Nicholas M. Steffens, Dirk Broek, John Vander Meulen, Jacob Den Herder, Paul F. Shuelke, Cornelius Krickard, Charles K. Buck, John Statesir, Jr., George S. Bishop, Wm. H. Clark, Louis G. Jongeneel, Andrew Winter, Abm. R. Van Nest, Chas. F. C. Suckow—27.

In relation to the Memorial from the Classis of Poughkeepsie the majority of the Committee presented a report. A minority report was also presented. A member of the Committee also presented a paper containing a resolution to refer the whole subject to a special committee to report to the next General Synod. These reports were accepted and discussed, and the subject was finally disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Memorial from the Classis of Poughkeepsie with all the papers, and the reports of the majority and of the minority of the Committee on Overtures, be, and hereby are referred to a special committee of seven, to be appointed by the chair to report on the same to the next annual meeting of General Synod.

The following were appointed as the committee :

Ministers, William Ormiston, John A. De Baun, Charles L. Shepard, Thomas C. Easton, David Cole. *Elders*, William H. Kirk and Peter S. Danforth.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Judicial Business beg leave to report :

There has been referred to us an appeal, or a complaint, to the

Synod from the action of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, together with related papers, of Rev. James Kemlo of the Classis of Passaic, which complaint and papers we find to be in due order.

The complaint is also indorsed by Rev. A. R. Van Nest of the Classis of Philadelphia.

Your Committee after a full and careful consideration of all the papers in this case, candidly own that they see no particular need of this appeal or complaint, because they see no real wrong or harm in the action complained of.

Still, not wishing to seem to hinder equal and exact justice being done to all concerned, we would recommend the Synod to decide for itself the value of the complaint after hearing it read.

E. W. BENTLEY,
N. M. STEFFENS,
L. WALTER LOTT,
HENRY E. LEGG,
C. T. WILLIAMSON.

The appeal and accompanying papers were then read, and on motion the appeal was sustained. The following resolution was then adopted :

Resolved, That in sustaining this appeal the Synod enjoins upon the Classes that they record in detail the several answers given to the Constitutional questions, according to Art. VII, Sec. 7 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Resolved, That the recent legislation of Congress on the question of immigration from China, awakens in us feelings of painful surprise, profound regret, and anxious solicitude; and we would express the hope that our government may be induced soon to reconsider that action and to adopt such measures as

would be likely to promote good feeling and friendly intercourse between China and our own country, and which will at least not hinder the work of Christian evangelization in that distant land—a work in which many of our people, connected with all our churches, are so earnestly engaged.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The following was presented to the Synod, read and laid over for one year :

Resolved, That for the future, in Synodical and Classical Minutes, the terms Vice-President and Treasurer be used in place of the terms Adessor and Questor.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Fiftieth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education, except so much as related to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was also received and referred to the same Committee.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Education would respectfully report :

There has been referred to your Committee the Fiftieth Annual Report of the Board of Education.

The conciseness and brevity of this document does not lessen the importance of the subjects of which it treats or weaken the force of its presentations.

The entire work of the Board is essentially connected with the preparation of a gospel ministry. It is now very generally, if not indeed universally admitted, that the growth of the Kingdom of Christ on earth, through the efforts and influence of any denomination, must depend upon the number and efficiency of its ministers. The relation of our Board to this fundamental condition of the Church's prosperity and prospects, is shown by the fact that according to roll of Synod last year, there were one

hundred and sixty of the pastors settled over our churches whom it had aided in their education.

The statistics concerning those now under the care of the Board can be found in its annual report, which is found in every copy of the Acts, etc., of General Synod, and need not here be repeated.

Because of the increasing need and demand for laborers in Home and Foreign Fields of the enlarging Kingdom of our Lord, we propose the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Education be encouraged to increase, by all practicable methods and inducements, the number of young men who shall give themselves to earnest preparation for the work of the Gospel ministry.

The resources of the Board have enabled it to grant twenty-four hundred dollars to Hope College, thus doubling the amount of aid given to it during the preceding year.

Each year makes it more apparent that our work in the West must be an educational work. Most of our Churches there are composed of Hollanders. The immigration from the Netherlands has been larger during the past year than for many years previous, and bids fair to be larger the present year.

The Church can have but limited effect upon those who know neither its language nor its history in this country.

We must care for the children and youth and instruct and train them for usefulness in the Church.

Hope College, amid many difficulties, has accomplished good results in this line. But the Holland colonies are becoming more and more widely scattered, and the youth find it impossible to take their preparatory course in the Grammar School of Hope College. The Synod, therefore, would direct the attention of the Board of Education to this subject, and suggest that it may be to the best interests of our Church to establish schools under the care of Classes, and under such regulations as the Board of Education may determine, where the youth of our Church may be prepared for college, and where they may be thoroughly indoctrinated in Gospel truths and the standards of our Church.

The steady friendship and indispensable help of the Board to Hope College strengthens its claim upon the generosity of the Churches, so that it may be able to give all needed assistance to this Institution of Learning, clearly essential to our

denominational interests in the West, until it shall become self-sustaining. The struggling desire of many discouraging years for this great consummation has become a reasonable and cheering hope that it may soon be accomplished by the stream of benefactions which the Spirit of the Lord upon and through his liberal people, has turned in this direction.

Resolved, That the Board be directed to continue its aid to Hope College according to its resources, as this shall be needed.

Resolved, That the last Thursday of January, 1883, be set apart by the Churches as a day of Prayer for Colleges and Seminaries of Learning.

The condition and prospects of the Board of Education after an existence of half a century, are such as to call for our devout gratitude. With a small and steadily decreasing debt, and a growing number of Churches annually contributing to its funds, an increase of its power and usefulness may be confidently anticipated.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be warmly commended to the prayers and benevolence of all our Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

JOACHIM ELMENDORF, *Chairman*.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board :

Rev. John Gaston, D.D.,	Elder Walter Brett,
“ U. D. Gulick,	“ John Lefferts,
“ M. H. Hutton, D.D.,	“ John D. Prince,
“ E. B. Coe, D.D.,	“ H. Camerden, Jr.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Council of Hope College was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate. It is as follows :

Sixteenth Annual Report of the Council of Hope College at Holland, Michigan. Adopted April 28, 1882.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in America :

The Council of Hope College respectfully submits the following :

I.—MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council, held June 21-23, 1881, twelve members were present. The following officers were elected for the year :

John H. Karsten, *President* ; N. D. Williamson, *Adressor* ; Peter Lepeltak, *Secretary* ; C. Doesburg, *Treasurer* ; D. Broek, P. Lepeltak, N. M. Steffens, Jacob Van der Meulen (with the President of the College), *Executive Committee*.

At the meeting held April 26-28, 1882, seven members were present.

II.—PRESIDENT.

Prof Chas. Scott was re-elected as Provisional President for another year.

III.—STUDENTS.

The number of Students in the Academic Department of the College is 30, as follows : Seniors, 9 ; Juniors, 9 ; Sophomores, 6 ; Freshmen, 5 ; Unclassified, 1. In the Preparatory Department the number is 64. The total number of students is 94, being six less than for the preceding year.

Notwithstanding the prolonged illness of the President, the course of instruction has not been deranged, the other Professors taking charge, so far as they could, of the President's Classes.

The progress in their studies and the deportment of the students have been satisfactory, with few exceptions. There have been a few cases of disorder, compelling the Faculty to resort to discipline.

The Annual Commencement was held at Hope Church on the evening of June 22d, 1881, when the following graduated with the degree of A.B.: Gerrit Dikema, Chas. S. Dutton, John G. Fagg, Rense H. Joldersma, T. John Kommers, John Riemersma, Bastian Smits, J. George Van Hees, Jr.

The Honorary degree of A.M. was bestowed upon Rev. A. Wormser, of Cleveland, Ohio ; and Rev. Thomas Gordon, of Bellaire, Ohio.

The examinations of the other Classes were attended by a Committee of Council and were highly satisfactory. The examination of the Class of '82 was attended by Council, and was also satisfactory, all the members of the Class being admitted to the degree of A.B.

IV.—LIBRARY.

Through the kindness and labors of Mr. A. Oltmans, of the Junior Class, the library has been regularly accessible during the year to the students.

The Library has been increased by valuable donations from friends of the institution. Special mention ought to be made of Hon. H. P. Baldwin, who donated valuable public documents, and of Elder S. B. Schieffelin, who enriched the library with 473 volumes on all kinds of subjects. He has also completed Lange's Commentary, by adding 13 volumes to those previously given by him ; besides this, he has donated magazines and pamphlets.

Through Prof. Charles Scott, there have been added 83 books, besides many pamphlets and some newspapers. Through Prof. C. Doesburg, valuable periodicals have been furnished to the library.

V.—DE HOPE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.....	\$3,714 58
Expenses.....	\$2,792 10
Interest paid Contingent Fund.....	287 50
Balance on hand.....	634 98
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Total	\$3,714 58

VI.—FINANCES.

CONTINGENT FUND.

FOR CURRENT EXPENSES.—RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April 1st, 1881.....	\$78 99
Interest from Board of Direction.....	952 87
Interest from Ebenezer Fund.....	929 81
Interest from Permanent Fund.....	1,874 43
Student Fees.....	1,135 75
Donations from Churches and Individuals.....	599 66
Appropriations from Board of Education.....	2,400
Rent, &c., from Real Estate.....	306 05
Text Books (old account).....	14 65
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Total	\$8,289 21

EXPENSES.

Salaries of Professors and Teachers.....	\$6,799 68
Salary of the Janitor.....	260
Expenses of Council.....	135 48
Expenses of Treasury.....	115 64
Building repairs (old account).....	90
Building repairs (new account).....	61 97
Fuel and Light.....	79 19
Printing.....	34 65
School Requisites.....	17 27
School Furniture.....	9 50
Course of Lectures.....	15
Sundries.....	80 01
Commencement expenses.....	16 71
Taxes.....	280 43
Grounds.....	61 08
In payment of debt.....	32 15
Balance on hand April 1st, 1882.....	200 45
Total	<u>\$8,289 21</u>

CONTINGENT FUND.

IN PAYMENT OF DEBT.

RECEIPTS.

Donations in the West.....	\$2,565 46
Donations in the East.....	19,684 82
Cash and two mortgages from Hope farm and reported last year as permanent fund, but since appropriated by Council for payment of debt.....	1,500
From sale of Railroad stock, balance, &c.....	293 38
From current expenses account.....	32 15
Total	<u>\$24,075 81</u>

EXPENSES.

In payment of notes and mortgages.....	\$19,103 86
Students' warrants, for teaching.....	376
Interest warrants.....	384
Current interest.....	4,211 95
Total	<u>\$24,075 81</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April 1, 1881	\$2,650
Endowment notes paid in	500
Alumni Endowment	360
Bergsma Bequest	300
Loans paid in	3,585
Total	<u>\$7,395</u>

EXPENSES.

Hope farm money taken by Council from Permanent fund	\$1,500
Paid to Investment Committee	5,560
Balance uninvested	335
Total	<u>\$7,395</u>

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 1, 1881	\$52 10
Interest received	28
Donation in cash	15
Total	<u>\$95 10</u>

EXPENSES.

Books, Periodicals, Binding, &c	\$88 75
Balance April 1, 1882	6 35

Total	<u>\$95 10</u>
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But the Contingent fund is indebted to the Library, on former accounts since 1877	\$139 27
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ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP.

Balance on hand April 1, 1882	\$20
Received interest on this fund	87 50

Total	<u>\$107 50</u>
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Paid to Beneficiaries	65
Balance April 1, 1882, of which \$30 has been invested	42 50

Total	<u>\$107 50</u>
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LIABILITIES.

Due to Board of Benevolence..... \$1,000

CASH BALANCE.

Balance of Contingent fund.....	\$200 45
Balance of Permanent fund awaiting investment....	335
Balance of Anderson Scholarship.....	42 50
Balance of Library fund.....	6 35
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Total	\$584 30

INVESTMENTS.

Balance of Charter notes (not all available).....	\$10,631
Abbe fund.....	5,000
Mrs. Dr. Anderson Scholarship.....	1,000
On second Mrs. Dr. Anderson Scholarship.....	100
Bond of Judge Lott, deceased.....	1,000
Virginia Investments.....	1,626
Other Mortgages.....	8,710
Individual Notes.....	500
In De Hope and Printing Office.....	7,724 50
Waiting Investment.....	335
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Total	\$36,626 50

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Though the College has suffered through the ecclesiastical disturbances in the Western Church, there has on the other hand been much to encourage us.

Our income has met our expenses this year; and through the exertions and generous beneficence of our friends, East and West, especially of the unknown lady whose noble donation of \$10,000 enrolls her among the greatest benefactors of our Church and of this Institution in particular, our debt is paid, with the exception of \$1,000, still due to the Board of Benevolence.

The interests of the College were threatened during the past year, by the serious illness of the President of the Institution, but it has pleased God to spare his valuable life.

The thanks of the Council are specially due to those whose generous donations saved this Institution from impending

ruin, and to Dr. G. H. Mandeville and the Committee on the Debt and the Endowment for their strenuous and continued efforts in behalf of this College. Dr. Mandeville has now given four years of gratuitous and most successful service in aid of our finances. During that time he has sent nearly \$25,000 to the Treasurer, and only through these means has the Institution been able to keep on its useful career, and now at last to be freed from its burden of debt. Hence the word thanks but feebly expresses the obligations under which we feel to this self-sacrificing brother in Christ.

We ask for the same serious consideration of our interests by General Synod, which has been given them in the past, and the same generous aid of our Churches to this Institution, in order that by the completion of the Endowment the greatest want of this College may be met.

P. LEPELTAK, Secretary.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod to procure funds for Hope College within the bounds of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, and New Brunswick presented the following report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America :

The Committee appointed by the General Synod in June, 1881, for liquidating the debt and increasing the endowment of Hope College, Mich., beg leave respectfully to report :

Your committee met for organization on June 27, 1881. They appointed their Chairman, Rev. Dr. G. H. Mandeville, to be also their Treasurer, and instructed him to forward such amounts as he might receive to the Treasurer of the College until the debt was paid.

They found that there had been raised by the Committee of the preceding Synod for the debt :

From churches, Sabbath school, etc.,	\$962 72
From individuals	2,756
Total	<hr/> \$3,718 72

Your Committee have held several meetings, issued circulars to the Sub-Committees of the Classes, and to the Churches, and

in every way that appeared practicable have prosecuted the work committed to them.

They have received

From churches, Sabbath schools, etc.....	\$3,399 32
And from individuals.....	15,754 86
Total.....	\$19,154 18

Of this there have been expended during the year

For expenses of printing, postage, etc.....	\$25 43
And for payment to Treasurer of Hope College....	17,220 98
Total.....	\$17,246 41

Leaving a balance on hand of \$1,907.77.

There have also been paid into the hands of Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., Treasurer *pro tem.* of General Synod, for the Endowment of Hope College from churches in the Classis of Poughkeepsie, \$194.73.

This added to the above makes \$2,102.50 in hands of your Committee. This awaits disposal by direction of General Synod.

Your committee would very respectfully suggest that the above amount be paid into the Treasurer of the Board of Direction of General Synod to be added to the Endowment Fund for the College held by the Synod, and the income applied to the support of the College, and that the Synod instruct our Treasurer to make such payment.

Your Committee would make especial and grateful mention of the generous gift of three thousand dollars by Mr. Garret Kouwenhoven, of Newtown, L. I., per Rev. C. I. Shepard, his pastor; and also of ten thousand dollars from a lady whose name and residence we are not permitted to mention. These, crowning the smaller gifts from various sources, have enabled us to report with thankfulness and joy the happy result of our labors.

It will be seen that we have not reached the amount (\$15,000) for endowment recommended by the last General Synod. Still we have a beginning. We have also an intimation of a generous gift to be soon made by a benefactor, that will by his direction be paid unto the Treasurer of General Synod, through the Chairman of your Committee. Is it a vain expectation that the friends of Christian education through

our entire Church continue to send in their offerings, until that amount, at least, be reached? Will the Synod so recommend?

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GILES H. MANDEVILLE, *Chairman*.

Adopted in Committee.

NEW YORK, May 29, 1882.

The following communication was received from Rev. Charles I. Shepard, who, being in Synod, was invited to present it in person.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

SCHENECTADY, June 13, 1882.

The undersigned herewith presents to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, the gift of Mr. Garret Kouwenhoven, of the Reformed Dutch Church, of Newtown, L. I., for the endowment of Hope College, at Holland, Ottawa county, Michigan; and they are to invest the principal and apply the income for the support of said College.

CHAS. I. SHEPARD.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Synod have heard with great pleasure of the liberal gift of Mr. Garret Kouwenhoven for the further endowment of Hope College, and hereby tender him their earnest and fervent acknowledgments for the same.

Resolved, That besides the intrinsic and immediate influence of this unsolicited gift, the Synod are happy to receive it as an evidence of the growing interest our people take in Christian collegiate education.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Professorate have had referred to them the following papers:

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

This report shows that during the year there have been 19

students in the Senior, 10 in the Middle and 16 in the Junior Class, a total of 45, which is ten more than the total of the preceding year. Two of these students, however, one of the Senior Class and one of the Junior, "and both from the German Theological School of Newark, having been conditionally received, in contravention of the articles of correspondence between our Reformed and the Presbyterian Church, these young gentlemen were not recognized by the Board as having standing in the Seminary, and the matter was referred to the Faculty for conference with that of the Newark Theological School, in the hope of securing a mutually satisfactory adjustment."

The health of the students has not been interrupted, and their deportment has been consistent. Their examinations reflected great credit upon themselves and their instructors, and the members of the graduating class were cordially commended for the usual professorial certificate. The meeting of the Board and the Seminary year were closed with the usual public commencement, the exercises of which were of a high order, and gave fresh inspiration to the faith and hope of the Seminary's friends, and to their zeal for substantial effort in its behalf.

The report notices the inauguration, on the 5th of December last, of Rev. William V. V. Mabon, D.D., as James Suydam Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, and his entrance upon his work. Up to the time of his inauguration, the instruction of the Senior and Middle Classes in Theology had been conducted by Prof. Woodbridge. The report also refers to the serious illness of Dr. Woodbridge, which began on the 23d of January, and laid him aside to the end of the year. At the latter date, signs were hopeful, and gave promise of the entire recovery of our beloved Professor, for the realization of which the Synod and the Church will certainly and earnestly pray.

During the year, the Board lost by death from its membership the Elder, Edward L. Beadle, M.D., from the Particular Synod of New York. His place, as well as that of the Elder, Peter A. Voorhees, from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, whose term has expired, will have to be filled by this Synod. The ministerial vacancies created by expiration of term, or by change of settlement, are in the Classes of Geneva,

Montgomery, Passaic, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Hudson, Cayuga, Illinois, N. Long Island, Paramus, Raritan and Wisconsin.

The following nominations, to fill these vacancies, have been sent in by Classes :

<i>Geneva</i>	Rev. H. P. McAdam.
<i>Montgomery</i>	Rev. R. R. Williams.
<i>Passaic</i>	Rev. Samuel T. Searle.
<i>Rensselaer</i>	Rev. John B. Drury.
<i>Schoharie</i>	Rev. Robert Doig.

The Committee offer to the Synod the following nominations from Classes which have sent in none for themselves :

<i>Cayuga</i>	Rev. Isaac S. Hartley.
<i>Hudson</i>	Rev. William Smith.
<i>Illinois</i>	Rev. Egbert Winter.
<i>N. Long Island</i>	Rev. William H. DeHart.
<i>Paramus</i>	Rev. George M. S. Blauvelt.
<i>Raritan</i>	Rev. William Bailey.
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Rev. Cornelius Kriekard.

And further we nominate for Elders at Large :

For the Particular Synod of New York, Elder William H. Crosby, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Beadle ; for the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, Elder Peter A. Voorhees for reappointment.

We recommend that all these nominations be confirmed.

II. The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, together with the action of the Board of Superintendents on the same.

This report gives evidence of the continued faithfulness of this responsible Committee to the trust committed to them by the General Synod, and of the prosperity of the institution under their management. They have brought about important repairs and improvements of the main building (or Hertzog Theological Hall), and are planning extensive changes in the James Suydam Hall, rendered necessary by fatally defective original construction. The Committee speak well of the present management of the boarding department by the Rector, and commend the students for their deportment in the Hall. They are now receiving estimates for the construction

of a new Professorial Residence for the James Suydam Professor, in order to carry out the provisions of the will of Mr. Suydam, which devotes \$20,000 for this object. They again speak of the munificence of Col. Gardner A. Sage, who has placed the funds of the library founded by him upon a permanent footing, by devoting \$60,000, the interest of which is to be used for the meeting of expenses, for the enlargement of accommodations, and for the purchase of books. They mention, also, that the term of service of the Elder, William Bogardus, as a member of the Committee, will expire with this session of the General Synod.

In view of this report your Committee on the Professorate recommend the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this Synod receives the Report of this Standing Committee with grateful appreciation of its faithful devotion to the interests of the Theological Seminary, and feels that these interests could not be in better hands.

Resolved, That we again express our gratitude to God for putting it into the heart of Col. Sage to give, and to Col. Sage himself for giving, these large funds for the founding and building up of the noble library of the Seminary. Our prayers are earnest on behalf of the liberal giver, that his personal affliction may be greatly blessed to him, and if it be the divine will, that he may be speedily restored to perfect comfort and health.

Resolved, That the Elder, William Bogardus, be, and hereby is, reappointed a member of the Standing Committee.

III. Two important reports, involving one and the same interest, viz : that of Hope College. These reports are the report of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1881, for liquidating the debt and increasing the endowment of the College, and the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Council of the College.

In these reports the principal matter of interest to the Synod is their reference, first, to the disinterested and long maintained effort of Rev. Dr. Giles H. Mandeville to rescue the College from its financial straits, and, secondly, to the entire success with which this effort has been crowned. The Doctor has given four years of gratuitous service to this work, and during this time has sent in nearly \$25,000 to the Treasurer, enabling the institution to keep on its way, and at last wholly freeing it from debt.

What the College further needs at the hands of the Church is endowment. Your Committee propose the following resolu-

Resolved, That our most grateful thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to Dr. Mandeville for the great service he has rendered, and that in his persistence and success, we clearly recognize the impelling guidance and the loving kindness of the Spirit of God.

Resolved, That, encouraged by what has already been done and especially by the gift of \$10,000 for the College by Garret Kouwenhoven, Esq., of Newtown, L. I. received and already acknowledged in open Synod, we still further commend the College to the friends of our Reformed Church for the gift of the endowment, which is all now needed to make it a success and a power in the great Western field of the Church.

The Committee on the Professorate are informed by members of the Hope College Council (the fact is not stated in the report under consideration) that Elder James C. Knight, one of Synod's members of Council, has died during the past year, and we are requested to ask the Synod to nominate, to fill the vacancy, Elder Isaac Cappon, of the Third Reformed Church of Holland. We propose this nomination to Synod, and recommend that it be confirmed.

IV. Papers from Rev. Dr. T. W. Chambers and Rev. Dr. W. J. R. Taylor in relation to the celebration, in 1884, of the Centennial Anniversary of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, proposed by the Synod of last year (see minutes of 1881, pp. 754, 755 and 761). Your Committee propose the following action :

1. That the original plan of Synodical Committees be continued, and that these committees now consist of,

For particular Synod of New Brunswick—

Rev. Mancius H. Hutton,
 “ William R. Duryee,
 “ William H. Gleason.

For particular Synod of New York—

Rev. Talbot W. Chambers,
 “ Aemon P. Van Gieson,
 “ Cornelius L. Wells.

For particular Synod of Albany—

Rev. Selah W. Strong,

“ John B. Thompson,

“ Rufus W. Clark.

2. That a Central Committee, consisting of Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, Rev. J. Howard Suydam and Rev. David N. Vanderveer, be appointed to supervise and direct the action of the whole.

3. That this Central Committee, of which Rev. Dr. Van Cleef is to be chairman, be requested to report to the next General Synod the best method of celebrating the Centennial anniversary, whether by publications or oral services, or both, and that they specify in detail what time or times shall be set apart for this purpose ; also that they prepare a full programme of the entire proceedings, suggesting the topics to be treated and the persons to whom they shall be committed, together with any other measures which may seem to them conducive to the great end in view.

V. A communication from Professor De Witt, calling attention of General Synod to the insufficiency of the services of a single individual in a department so extensive as that of Biblical Literature. This department comprehends everything that relates to the introduction, languages and exegesis of the Old and New Testaments. In the principal Theological Seminaries that attract our young men, three Professors are employed to fill this department. Dr. De Witt's communication particularly requests that, until a separate New Testament Chair shall be endowed, the Rev. Dr. Talbot W. Chambers be invited to deliver lectures in New Testament Exegesis.

Your Committee are heartily in sympathy both with the general position taken in this communication with reference to the desirableness of an early division of this Professorship and the endowment of a New Testament Chair, and with the special proposition for a temporary supply of this need, until such endowment has been secured, they recommend the following resolutions :

Resolved, That it is desirable that at the earliest practicable date, a New Testament Chair in our Theological Seminary be endowed, in order to secure for our students the advantages required by the present advanced condition of Biblical learning, and offered in kindred institutions.

Resolved, That for the coming year the Rev. Dr. Talbot W. Chambers be invited to deliver lectures in New Testament exegesis, visiting New Brunswick two days in the week, or as often as may be found desirable.

Resolved, That this invitation take effect only with the distinct proviso that satisfactory arrangement for compensation shall be made by special gifts for the purpose, and that such compensation shall in no case be made a charge upon the present income of the Seminary.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Theological Professors in connection with the Board of Direction to perfect this arrangement and report to the next General Synod.

VI. The Report of the Committee of Co-operation with the Professors in the selection of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library. This gives a long list of valuable works added to the library through the labors of the committee, and states in regard to the library, that since 1870 it has grown from a collection of 8,000 to one of over 35,000 volumes, besides its large collection of pamphlets. The history of the money with which this large library has been gathered is glanced at, and the fact is stated that for further increase now it will depend upon the income from the fund of \$20,000 given by the Church's princely benefactor Mr. Sage. The report is one of greatest interest as proving to the Synod the energy with which its committee have toiled to build up this important appliance of our Theological Seminary, the rapidity of the library's growth under their care, and the substantial character of the volumes now on the shelves. We rejoice in the results thus far attained, and cordially concur in the desire expressed in the report that the work may be carried to still further completeness. The Professors desire that the Committee on Co-operation may be continued, and your Committee on the Professorate recommend that the Synod so ordain.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID COLE, *Chairman*.

VEDDER LECTURE.

The Synod at 12 o'clock on the second day of its sessions nominated candidates for Vedder Lecturer, and appointed 11 o'clock of the following day as the time for the election. On the second ballot the Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord was chosen for the year 1883-4, and his election was declared unanimous.

LIBRARY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee of Co-operation with the Professors in the selection of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library presented the following report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee of Co-operation with the Professors in the selection of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library beg leave to report as follows. Among the more important additions of the last year are these:

- The Babylonian Talmud. 30 volumes.
- Biblia Sacra Graec. Ed. Melancthon, 1545.
- do. do. Beza, 1565.
- Peschito Syriac New Test. 1st Edition.
- Knorrius, Kabbala Denudata (with Supplement). 5 volumes.
- Assemani, Bibliotheca Orientalis. 4 volumes.
- Patrologiae Cursus Completus. Ed. Migne. 57 volumes.
- Hermynyaard, Correspondance des Réformateurs. 5 volumes.
- Handelingen v. Synode d. Hervorm. Kerk Nederland. 70 volumes.
- De Broglie, L'Eglise et L'Empire Romain. 6 volumes.
- Bulletin de la Soc. du Prot. Franc. 20 volumes.
- Garrucci, Storia d. Arte Cristiana. Illustrata. 6 volumes folio.
- Creuzer, Symbolik und Mythologie. 7 volumes.
- La Croix, Moeurs, etc. au Moyen Age. (Illustré). 8 volumes.
- Gorres, Christliche Mystik. 5 volumes.
- Clinton, Fasti Hellenici. 3 volumes.
- Ciceronis Onomasticon. Ed. Orelli. 2 volumes.
- Harpocratis Lexicon. Ed. Dindorf. 2 volumes.
- Gladstone's Homeric Studies. 3 volumes.
- Oncken, Allgemein Weltgeschich. 9 volumes.
- Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie. 13 volumes.
- Vocabulario deg. Academ. della Crusca. 7 volumes.
- Conde, Memoires par M. de Thon. 6 volumes.
- Daub, Philos. und Theolog. Vorlesungen. 7 volumes.
- Sanchez, Opus Morale. 2 volumes.
- Publications of Early English Text Soc. 110 parts.
- Whewell's Philos. of Inductive Sciences. 4 volumes.
- Holinshed, Chronicles of England. 2 volumes.
- Mercersberg Review. Complete. 25 volumes.
- Cardinal Newman's Works. 16 volumes.

Cardinal Manning's Works. 8 volumes.

Kingsley's Works. 8 volumes.

Library of Universal Knowledge. 15 volumes.

Cambridge Bible for Schools. 17 volumes.

It is now seven years since this Committee was first constituted. At that time there remained of the fund for library purposes, gathered by the intelligent zeal of the Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D. (to whom the Church owes an unmeasurable debt of gratitude), a sum not far from thirty thousand dollars. This has all been expended with the exception of two thousand dollars in bonds which are not available at present. Hereafter the library will depend for its increase upon the income of the fund (\$20,000) given by the Church's princely benefactor, Mr. Gardner A. Sage.

At this point it may be well to review what has been done. The Committee, meeting monthly during the working period of the year, has held forty-eight sessions in all. During the interval of these meetings, an active correspondence was maintained with scholars in this and other lands, and no pains were spared to acquire the information needed for the right discharge of the trust committed to us. The library, which, in 1870 numbered about 8,000 vols., had increased in 1875 to 24,000. It now numbers (besides many pamphlets) over thirty-five thousand volumes, the great majority of which are abundantly worthy of the place they occupy. As a whole, the collection invites the criticism of competent judges. There are other collections which are larger, or have more *incunabula* or mere literary curiosities, or are richer in some special department, but we know of none which surpasses this in the requisite of a good working library for a Theological Seminary. Little or no money has been expended for books of ephemeral interest or of a merely popular character. The constant study has been to procure the ablest works, old or new, in all the departments of knowledge that belong to or bear upon the science of theology, so that while the professors may pursue their investigations without limit, the student, even though he have no leisure to read these elaborate tomes, yet may become familiar with the sources of knowledge, and learn enough to guide intelligently the studies of subsequent years.

While no one branch has been neglected, special attention has been given to the history, theology and literature of Hol-

land. Every name of note in the fatherland is represented here, and most of them in *Opera Omnia*. Of the Heidelberg Catechism there are more than a hundred and fifty different expositions, and the volumes on the Remonstrant Controversy amount to many hundreds. So, too, Philosophy and its History, in French and German, as well as Latin, has been carefully considered, especially that part of it that respects the relations of Physical Science and Religion. In Apologetics, as it stands at this hour, the Library has little to desire. Of course there will continue to be needed additions from the literature of the day, so that the Institution may keep fully abreast of the progress of modern thought, but so far as the past is concerned the chief collections have been secured, and those who come after us will require only to build upon a foundation already laid. And such further building is to be looked for. For although within the past twelve years fifty thousand dollars have been laid out and in the main most wisely, still an equal sum could even now be employed with great advantage. The right kind of a library is always growing. And the very excellence of the present collection is a motive and a stimulus to make it still larger and better.

An excellent card catalogue has been prepared and a visitor finds no difficulty in gaining immediate access to the contents of any shelf. A printed catalogue would be a great convenience to the ministry at large in enabling them to ascertain at a glance what books are on hand, but this would cost at least \$1,500, a sum which we had no authority to expend for such a purpose. If, however, any kind friend should contribute such a sum to this end, it would be a very welcome and useful gift.

Finally, the Committee lay down their trust with no small emotion. They have labored diligently and to the extent of their ability for seven years in the performance of their work, and naturally, they have come to cherish a deep interest in the library, and a growing desire to see it approach nearer and still nearer to a perfect standard. Already it is one of the strongest educational forces of our beloved Seminary. And its power for good will increase day by day as it fills out its plans more completely, and becomes a still more full and accurate representation of the entire literature belonging to sacred themes. God grant that it may have such a prosperous future—one that will fully compensate alike those whose liberal gifts

paid for this stately and valuable collection, and the far-seeing man who erected the commodious and enduring edifice in which it is lodged.

On behalf of the Committee,

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS, *Chairman*.

May 27, 1882.

The Committee on Centennial Seminary Endowment presented no report. Vacancies were filled, and the Committee was continued.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Two young men were recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College for aid from the Van Benschoten Fund.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Fiftieth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, in printed form, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, except so much as related to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The Treasurer's report was also received and referred to the former Committee.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the same committee.

The Fiftieth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, in printed form, was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund, except so much as related to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Treasurer's report was also received and referred to the former Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The evening of Monday, the sixth day of the Synod was devoted to the subject of Foreign Missions. The Committee presented their report, and several addresses were made.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was then adopted and is as follows :

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the Fiftieth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, which was submitted to them.

This year the Board has attained its *semi-centennial* anniversary, and completed a *quarter century* of separate and independent existence. For this we should render humble and devout gratitude to God, through whose grace and benediction our beloved Church has been permitted and enabled to do so much in spreading the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in lands overshadowed by the darkness of heathenism.

In the year 1832, when our Board of Foreign Missions was organized, the Reformed (Dutch) Church had but two missionaries in the foreign field. The Rev. David Abeel was laboring in China, and Dr. John Scudder, in India. Both these brethren, though members of the Reformed Dutch Church, were laboring under the direction of the American Board. We had then not a single missionary station, no native churches, no schools, no converts.

At the present time we have in foreign lands 9 missionary stations, 101 out-stations, 16 missionaries, 24 assistant missionaries, 13 native ministers, 39 catechists or preachers, 37 churches, with 2,625 communicants, 5 academies, 90 day schools, with 2,210 scholars, and 14 theological students. During the year the contributions of the native churches have amounted to \$3,233. The past year has not been without its trials. In India, the Rev. Dr. Chamberlain was prostrated with serious illness, from which it has pleased God to grant him recovery, though the mission was deprived of his services for a long time.

The Rev. Mr. Conklin, who so recently went out to India full of enthusiasm and devotion to the Master, has been compelled to lay aside his work, by an attack of Indian fever, from which he has not yet entirely recovered.

At home the Board has suffered severe loss in the death of Theodore L. Mason, M.D., who for some years was its Vice-President, and the Chairman of its Executive Committee.

The Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., who, for several years previous to 1865 was the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, and who since then has been one of its most honored and useful members, has been compelled, by severe and protracted illness, to resign his position.

But, on the other hand, the year now gone has been freighted with abundant and rich blessings.

Our Heavenly Father has poured out His Spirit upon our missionaries and their work.

During the year more than 300 souls have been added to the Churches on confession of their faith in Christ, and the increase of membership, over all losses, in the Churches of the various missions, has been more than 200.

The field which is opening before our Church in its Foreign Mission work is growing wider and wider, and the prospect for rich and blessed results, from labor performed, was never brighter than now.

But the very success which has attended the labors of our missionaries, and the inviting fields which are opening before them, have become occasions of embarrassment.

The work appealing to us for care and direction has, in the providence of God, so wondrously increased, that if it is to be efficiently performed, a larger amount of money and a more numerous force of missionaries, will be required in future than ever before.

It is a cause of regret and humiliation that, during the past year, the Church at home has not fully realized its responsibilities, nor has it supported the work of Foreign Missions with that measure of liberality that its importance demands.

In the Report which the Board made to the General Synod, in 1881, the receipts from the Churches directly, were stated to be \$79,450, and from other sources, \$13,534; making a total of \$92,984.

The present year, the receipts from the Churches, as reported, are \$40,505, and from legacies, individual contributions, and other sources, \$17,649, making a total of \$58,154. Thus the contributions of the Church proper, for the past year, are barely more than one-half what they were for the year previous.

It is true that a special effort was made on behalf of the work of Foreign Missions during 1880-81; but did the Church at large contribute so liberally at that time, that the year following it was compelled to reduce its gifts for this most important branch of the Master's work, 50 per cent?

The number of churches in our denomination in this country, is 485.

An examination of the list of churches contributing to the Board of Foreign Missions during the past year, shows that of this number 128 churches, reporting 6,718 families, and 9,955 members, gave *not one cent* toward spreading the Gospel in heathen lands.

That is, *more than one fourth* of the churches of our denomination bore no part whatever during the past year in the work of extending the Redeemer's Kingdom in the dark places of the earth.

Their members may have sung

"Fly abroad thou mighty Gospel,"

but they gave nothing to make it fly.

It is true that some of these churches are feeble, and are unable to make large contributions. But it would be well if all would remember that God, of old, taught His people that if they withheld their *offerings* from Him, they could not expect His *blessings*.

If the true missionary spirit existed in all our churches, each one would present some offering to God for the great work of missions, though it were small. Not even those churches which are receiving aid themselves, should consider themselves exempted; but all should see to it that the "ghastly blanks" which now stare at us opposite the names of so many churches, are filled, and that all are counted among those who bear some part in carrying the Gospel to those who are ready to perish.

But it is also true, that some churches which are neither small, nor feeble, have failed to make contributions to the work of Foreign Missions. A careful examination of the table of receipts of the Board for the past year, will afford food for thought and reflection, and, it is to be hoped, will produce repentance and reformation on the part of those who have been delinquent.

Some churches report contributions through their auxiliaries to the Woman's Board of Missions, but little or nothing from

the church itself. The Woman's Board is doing a great and noble work, but it was never designed to relieve pastors, and church officers, and congregations, from their own proper personal responsibility. Its purpose rather is, to supplement the endeavors of the churches, and to increase the contributions to the work of missions, by interesting the women of our Church in this great cause, and thus stimulating enthusiasm, and soliciting aid which might not otherwise be procured.

It is to be hoped that our *pastors* will feel more deeply their responsibility in the work of Missions. When a church does not manifest interest in this great cause, and sends no contribution to its support, the fault, in the great majority of instances, is *with the pastor*. He can at least, present the cause to his people, and afford them the opportunity to contribute of their substance to aid in carrying on the work. He can at least send an offering himself, and thus discharge his own individual responsibility, and remove the church under his charge from the list of non-contributors.

The last General Synod authorized the Board of Foreign Missions to increase their appropriations nearly \$10,000, making the annual expenditure about \$72,000.

The total receipts for the past year were \$58,000. The average annual income of the Board from all sources, for the past ten years, has been \$64,000.

This problem then presents itself to the hearts and consciences of the church: A field widening, opportunities for usefulness increasing, prospects for successful labor brighter than ever before, an annual outlay of \$72,000 required to maintain our Missions in their present condition, and prosecute work already inaugurated, receipts for the past year from all sources \$58,000, average annual receipts for ten years past \$64,000.

What will the Church do in view of these facts?

Another aspect of the case also presents itself to us.

Our Missionaries now in the field are overworked; borne down by the excess of labor forced upon them.

Some of their number are laid aside by sickness, others have been compelled to return to their country to rest and regain their health and strength.

One brother bravely and faithfully remains at his post, though parted by wide oceans from wife and child, who, in search of health, have returned to this land.

Those who remain in active service, almost fainting under their labors, cry out for assistance.

Four young men from our Theological Seminary stand ready to go to the foreign field, provided the Church will send them.

Mr. E. C. Scudder, in whose veins flows noble Missionary blood, asks to be sent to India. A lady has donated \$1,000 toward sending him thither, and supporting him the first year. Mr. Van Dyke, the nephew of Dr. Van Dyke, the Missionary to Syria, who was formerly connected with our Church, is ready to go to China. And, more impressive still, two young Japanese students who have just completed their theological course at our Seminary at New Brunswick, ask us to send them back to their native land as Missionaries, that they may teach their countrymen the way of life through Christ. Already familiar with the language and customs of that Sunrise Land; already equipped with all the requisites for successful labor in Japan, they ask us to send them thither. If we cannot do this, they must turn to others who will afford them facilities for entering upon that work to which they have consecrated themselves.

Also a young lady has offered herself as a teacher, and the Board wish to send her to the Ferris Seminary at Yokohama, Japan, if the contributions of the Church will warrant her appointment.

One of two things must be done.

There must either be a revival of the missionary spirit among our Churches, and larger offerings presented to the Lord to carry on this work in foreign lands, or there must be contraction of that work.

If sufficient means be not forthcoming, fields now occupied must be abandoned, promising opportunities must be neglected, the labors of our Missionaries must be restricted to narrower territory, and the endeavor made to cultivate, for the present, smaller fields thoroughly, with the hope that in the future, the way may be opened for more extensive labors.

Our Missionaries are striving to train up a native ministry. Each year the native Churches are urged to greater efforts for self-support. In China, the native Christians of the Amoy Mission, learning of the promising field opening in the Hakka country, have determined to assume the entire responsibility for the work there, and to raise the funds necessary for its support. *Every Church member* was called on to contribute to this object.

Some could give but *one cash*, which is equal to one eleventh of a cent, per week. Others contributed larger sums, and these people, from their deep poverty, in their weekly offerings, are giving an amount equal to \$200 per year.

Should not the fact that these, who so lately were heathen, are willing so to deny themselves, that others may learn of Christ, stimulate us to more earnest efforts, and greater liberality in sustaining our Missionaries and in aiding to carry out the last command of our Risen Redeemer?

The Woman's Board has done most efficient work during the past year, the receipts through this channel amounting to more than \$11,000 ; being an increase of more than \$2,000 over the previous year.

Twenty new auxiliaries have been organized, making in all *one hundred and twenty-nine*. The Woman's Board is affording valuable assistance in awakening interest in Missions in the households of our Church, and we rejoice in the abundant blessings with which the Lord has attended its efforts.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend the following :

1. *Resolved*, That the attention of Pastors, Consistories and Churches be called anew, with greater emphasis, to the pressing demands of the work of Foreign Mission, and that each Church, without exception, be earnestly exhorted to make an offering to the Lord each year for its support.

2. *Resolved*, That since more laborers are imperatively demanded for the fields now occupied by our Missions, the Churches be most solemnly charged to hear and heed the call of those who are ready to perish, and to provide, at the earliest possible moment, the means whereby those who come to us, asking to be sent to preach the gospel to the heathen, may be enabled to enter upon that work to which they have consecrated their lives.

3. *Resolved*, That Pastors and Churches be recommended to make one Prayer Meeting of each month, where it has not been observed, a *Monthly Concert of Prayer for the extension of Christ's Kingdom*, at which missionary intelligence shall be communicated, the interest of the people awakened in the work of Missions at home and abroad, and an offering made to the Lord to carry on the work of spreading the knowledge of His truth throughout the world.

4. *Resolved*, That Pastors be urged to secure in their congregations as wide a circulation as possible of the "*Sower and Mission Monthly*," that through this paper, which is the authorized organ of our Boards, and the channel of their communication with the Church, the people may be kept informed of the work which our Missionaries are doing at home and abroad.

5. *Resolved*, That the General Synod believe that the sum of \$72,000 can and ought to be raised during the coming year for the work under the charge of the Board of Foreign Missions ; but believing also that the responsibility must rest on the Churches, who must answer to the great Head of the Church for the manner in which they aid in carrying out His last command, would recommend to the Board to be guided in their disbursements by the average annual receipts of the past five years.

6. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the work accomplished by the Woman's Board of Missions, and recommend that wherever practicable, auxiliaries to this Board be organized in our Churches.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

WM. H. CLARK, *Chairman*.

The following were chosen to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions :

Rev. Chas. H. Pool,	Rev. George S. Bishop, D.D.,
" A. R. Van Nest, D.D.,	Elder D. J. Steward,
" C. L. Wells, D.D.,	" N. F. Graves,
" J. N. Jansen,	" John Z. Lott.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The evening of Tuesday, the seventh day of the Synod, was set apart for Domestic Missions. The report of the Committee on Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund was received, and several addresses were delivered.

The report of the Committee was adopted, and is as follows :

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Board of Domestic Missions demands an expression of devout gratitude to God on the part of the Church, and calls us to renewed consecration and the devising of liberal things.

During the past year the work has been well sustained on the plane of action previously reached by the Board. In some fields there has been deep spiritual interest ; several Churches have become self-sustaining ; a few new ones have been organized ; the Sunday School work, especially at the West, has been extended ; the contributions have nearly paid the yearly expenses. No Missionary has died nor been disabled, but two honored members of the Board—Judge J. V. D. Hoagland and Hon. Robert H. Pruyn, LL.D., have been removed by death.

With this brief review, and referring your Honorable Body for all statistical details to the published reports of the Board, your Committee would turn at once to the solemn and pressing need of immediate and generous enlargement in this branch of our Missionary work :

In the past 50 years 300 Churches have been added to our roll ; in the past 20 years 90 Churches ; in the past 10 years 18 Churches. We submit this simple yet startling statement for the prayerful consideration of this body. Argument, other than that which resides in the facts themselves, is superfluous. We offer no criticisms nor censures.

The Board is the servant of the Churches and can only act as this Synod directs and as the means are provided. The Reformed Church in America needs to be aroused on this subject. Other causes—worthy, important—have dominated the mind of the Church and overshadowed the cause of Domestic Missions ; while some in our communion, we fear, regard our Church as chiefly designed by Providence to care for the Holland brethren who come to our shores, and not fitted to grow in all parts of our land and among all classes of our population. We are convinced that no Church can or ought to flourish on this Continent which limits its efforts by sectional or race restrictions. We welcome tenderly the Holland immigrant, but we should also aim to establish Churches among all who are destitute of the means of grace, in every part of this Republic where a Church is actually needed. We urge the Eastern Classes to foster every possible enterprise of enlargement within their borders, and emphasize the special importance of planting Churches at the strategic points in our large cities. A weighty responsibility rests on our city Churches to reach the poor and the non-Churchgoers within their bounds. We turn likewise, with enthusiasm and hopefulness, to the great West, and ask the

Synod to appoint at the earliest possible day a Western Superintendent who shall spend his whole time on the ground ; and, in the meantime, to encourage our Secretary to visit our Western Missions as often as his official duties will permit. We are of unanimous opinion that our annual contributions should be carried at once to a sum not less than 50,000 dollars ; and we believe that this can be easily done, if each Classis will assume its share of the burden with the zeal and fidelity which the cause merits and should command. One-fourth of our Churches, able to contribute, gave nothing to this Board last year ; while God has been and is sending emigrants to our shores in numbers unprecedented since our fathers settled this land. By every instinct of patriotism ; by every principle of our holy religion ; by loyalty to the spirit and genius of the ancient Church whose history we inherit ; by the demand of all loyal and earnest hearts in our communion ; by every indication of God's providence, and by the last, unrepealed command of our risen Lord, we call upon our people to make this jubilee year a year of noble enthusiasm, substantial giving, and solid, progressive labor in this great cause.

We remind the godly women in our congregations of the resolutions of the last General Synod, looking to the formation of Auxilliary Societies, similar to those which have proved so beneficial to the Board of Foreign Missions, and urge them to bring their resistless influence to bear directly on the work of building up the Redeemer's Kingdom in this land which their children are to inhabit.

A small debt remains on the Church Building Fund which should be at once paid. The need of increased benefactions to this fund is imperative. Nowhere, perhaps, can money be so economically invested as in building a house of God.

Your Committee offer the following recommendations :

Resolved, First, that two conferences in behalf of Domestic Missions be held on the eighth day of November next—one in the city of Newark, the other in the city of Chicago ; that the classes be directed to appoint delegates to said convention ; and that the Board be authorized to arrange all details in the conduct of the meetings.

Resolved, Second, that the Committee of Systematic Beneficence designate, as equitably as possible, the amount which each Classis might be expected to contribute in order to aggre-

gate \$50,000 this fiscal year, and report immediately to the Stated Clerks; that the several Classes be affectionately requested to apportion said amounts among the Churches within their bounds and raise the money, and seriously endeavor to maintain their contributions at that figure until this Synod calls for more.

Resolved, Third, that the report of the Business Committee on the relation of the Reformed Church to the property of the denomination be published with the annual report in the Minutes of General Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted. In behalf of the Committee.

E. A. REED, *Chairman*.

The following persons were chosen to fill vacancies in the Board of Domestic Missions :

Rev. John H. Duryea, D.D.,	Rev. John M. Wagner.
“ Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D.,	Elder William H. Clark,
“ John A. Todd, D.D.,	“ Isaac Wortendyke,
“ James Le Fevre,	“ Henry W. Niemann.

The following paper is here printed by order of General Synod :

IN THE MATTER OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

AS TO

CHURCHES AND PROPERTY IN ITS
DENOMINATION.

Prepared by H. D. Van Orden, Esq., of Counsel for the Board of Domestic Missions.

I.

The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, prior to 1819, was an organization having a constitution which was adopted in 1772.

On the 7th day of April, 1819, the General Synod became incorporated.

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As such corporation it held and now holds property in trust,

and otherwise, given to it from time to time to further the progress of the Church.

In 1869, an act was passed changing its corporate name from "the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church" to "General Synod of the Reformed Church in America;" and in such act declaring that the Synod should exercise and enjoy all the rights and powers it had hitherto possessed.

For the purpose of "aiding weak and founding new Churches," General Synod adopted a plan for the Board of Domestic Missions.

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This Board, the more effectually to carry on the work assigned to it, became incorporated in 1866, under the Law of 1848, chap. 319.

The certificate of incorporation declared its business and objects, viz :

"The particular business and objects of such society shall be the promotion of the growth of the said Church, by aiding weak and founding new Churches, of the denomination in the United States of America."

The corporate name of the Board was changed to the "Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America," Laws 1878, chap. 182.

Donations have been made to the Board by will, personal gifts and grants, to carry into effect the object sought to be accomplished by the General Synod and by the incorporation of the Board. It has, with the funds donated to it, aided weak churches and founded new ones.

A rule has been established by the Board, viz :

"When application for aid is made it must come recommended by Classis."

Applications differ in many particulars, but they all agree in one *i. e.*, the efforts and contributions of each Church applying, is accessory to the aid granted by the Board; and thus each Church becomes a helper in building up and extending the organization to which it belongs.

The Board makes all appropriations for the purposes expressed in its certificate of incorporation, and the applicants, in receiving aid take it as a *religious trust* for the promotion of the growth of the denomination as specified in such certificate.

The aid granted is therefore not a mere naked voluntary gift, but the Reformed Church has a direct interest in the object accomplished by the appropriations made as well as *an equitable claim* in the entire property of the Churches thus aided and established.

Each Church holds all the property under its control and care as a *religious trust* for the purposes for which it was given, and it cannot be diverted to other uses, or withdrawn from the denomination.

The jurisdiction which a Court of Equity has over trusts may be exercised over the temporalities of religious societies, as being property held in trust to enforce the performance of the trust and restrain its violation.

1 Edward, Chan. Rep. 588.

1 Sand, Ch. Rep. 502.

II.

It would manifestly be destructive of all ecclesiastical discipline and a misuse of property acquired under certain representation, to allow Church organizations to change their ecclesiastical connections at will by a majority vote or otherwise, and to divert the property of the body to a different use from that to which it was intended to be devoted.

The law on this subject has been declared by the different Courts.

The Supreme Court of the United States has made two decisions—one the case of *Watson v. Jones*, Wallace's Rep. Vol. 13, p. 679, relating to a Presbyterian Church in Louisville, which divided between the north and south churches; and the other, *Boaldin v. Alexander*, Wallace's Rep. Vol. 15, p. 131.

The result of these cases is this:

First—

Property conveyed to trustees expressly for the support of any particular system of doctrines or fellowship, cannot be diverted from such purpose, but will be restricted to the original object by a Court of Equity.

Second—

In the case of a society forming one of many societies subject to an ecclesiastical head or form of government to which all are bound by the laws of the organization to yield obedience, the property will be subject to the use of the society so long as

it remains in ecclesiastical connection with the general body, and if the society be divided into two parties, one of which attaches itself to the general body, and the other repudiates its authority, the property will belong to the use of those who adhere to their ecclesiastical connections, to the exclusion of the others.

Third—

No act of violence committed by one party in a religious society, whereby they get possession of the property or the organization, can interfere with these principles.

The Courts in Pennsylvania have held as follows :

Daniel S. Jones *v.* Rev. Chas. Wadsworth
and others, Common Pleas No. 1, in Equity.

“Whenever a Church or religious society has been duly constituted as in connection with or in subordination to some ecclesiastical organization and form of Church government, and as such, a church so connected and subordinated has acquired property by subscriptions, donations or otherwise, it cannot break off this connection and unite with some other organization or become independent, save at the expense of impairing its title to the property so acquired.”

“The property of a *religious society is held upon a Trust, the terms of which are declared in the doctrines of religious belief upheld by the society*, and in the case of a congregation constituted as above described, its connection with the larger organization of which it is part is one of these fundamental doctrines. An illegal severance of this connection is a violation of these fundamental doctrines, and therefore constitutes a diversion of the property to wrongful uses, to prevent which, a Court of Equity will interpose on the application of a party in interest.”

“The case of Schnorrs Appeal, 17 P. S. Smith, 138, and Koehler *v.* Roshi, 19 P. S. Smith, 462, clearly lay this down as the law following in the lead of other decisions to the same points.”

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“Had the consent of every member of the congregation and of the officers of the Church been obtained to a change of her denominational relations, there would have been no right to carry with them the property of the church, which was not

“theirs, save in the way and manner, and under the trusts before referred to. The Judicatories of the Reformed Church in whom the supervision and care of the interests of that denomination were vested by her constitution, could themselves have prevented such a diversion of the property.”

“The property alone in question here was acquired by the Third Church in virtue of her connection with the Reformed Denomination, by contribution and donation, and so long as that denomination exists as a distinct separate organization, there can be no doubt of the necessity of keeping the property strictly within the terms of the trust upon which it was first given.”

The presiding Justice, Allison, says “the plaintiffs stand before the court as *cestui que trusts* claiming protection for a trust fund, and for the upholding of hands uplifted for its support.”

This case was decided in favor of the plaintiff, and the Reformed Dutch Church retained its property.

The case of *McGinnis v. Watson*, 41 Penn., page 9.

Held—

“The title to church property of a divided congregation is in that part of it which is acting in harmony with its own laws * * * A seceding majority lose all their rights to the church property.”

Sutter v. Trustees of the First Reformed Dutch Church, 42 Penn., 503-512 and cases there cited.

Held—

“The majority may direct and control, consistently with the particular and general laws of the organization, but not in violation of them.”

Weinbrenner v. Colder, 43 Penn., 244.

Held—

“In church organizations those who adhere and submit to the regular order of the church local and general, though a minority, are the true congregation and corporation, if incorporated.”

The Court in New Jersey held as follows :

American Primitive Society v. Pilling, 4
Zabrizkie, N. J., 653.

Held—

“A congregation or inferior ecclesiastical corporation, which by its organization is connected with and subject to the superior jurisdiction of the Church to which it belongs, cannot by the act of the corporation or a majority secede from the denomination, declare themselves independent, and take the corporate property with them.”

The same doctrine is held in Massachusetts and Missouri.

The Court in New York has held as follows :

Miller v. Gable, 2 Denio Rep., 492.

Held—

“It is not a defense to a suit to enforce a trust that the deviation from the faith and doctrine to which the property was donated by the donors is sanctioned by a majority of the Church or congregation who, though trustees chosen by such a majority, are administering the trusts according to their views. In case of a violation of such trust the Court will be bound to interfere upon the complaint of a minority.”

The Judge further says :

“I discard the factious doctrine that the majority for the time being is to govern. *I hold that, I am bound to interfere upon the complaint of a single worshipper in the Church against a thousand others.*”

The People v. Steele, 2 Barb., 398.

Held—

“The great and paramount duty of trustees of religious corporations is to see that the temporalities committed to their charge are fully and fairly devoted to the purposes which their founders had in view. All authority conferred on them is necessarily subordinate to this great end, and all exercise of it beyond is usurpation. It is no excuse for such officers to say that they had been directed or sustained by a majority of those to whom they owed their appointment. The intention of the donors is the criterion by which to determine these purposes. The grant frequently expresses it, when it does that must govern, but when the conveyance is merely to the corporation by name, with no other designation of its purposes or tenets, in such cases the corporate or denominational name in connection with the contemporaneous acts of the corporators may be a sufficient guide as to the nature of the trust.”

Case of Furbeck and others v. Corl and others,
N. Y. Supreme Court, 3d Department.

This case arose out of a controversy in regard to the Second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady.

The Church, by a majority vote of the Consistory, seceded from and dissolved its connection with the Reformed Dutch Church of North America. The majority employed a minister (whose call was disapproved by Classis), and excluded the minority and all who co-operated with them in adhering to the old organization of the Church, from the possession and use of the Church edifice. Classis, thereupon, in accordance with the constitution of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, regularly deposed the six members of the Consistory who had seceded, and a new Consistory was elected.

The action was tried before Judge Ira Harris, of Albany, as referee, who, on September 19, 1861, rendered his decision in favor of the minority, upon which a full decree was entered, restoring the property of the church to the minority, and giving them \$2,000 for the use and occupation of the edifice during the time they were deprived thereof.

Judgment roll was filed in County Clerk's Office at Shenectady.

III.

The members of a consistory are trustees, and, as such, are personally responsible for the faithful performance of their duties.

The Courts say on this subject :

"It has been the constant habit of Courts of Equity to charge persons in the character of trustees with a consequence of a breach of trust, and to charge their representatives also ; whether they derive benefit from the breach of trust or not."

Adair v. Shaw, 1 Scho. and Lef., 272.

Montford v. Cadogan, 17 Vesey, 489.

"Every advantage made by a trustee by a breach of trust shall enure to the benefit of the *cesti que trust*, and every loss shall be borne by the trustee himself."

Oliver v. Pratt, 3 Howard, U. S. Rep., p. 401.

IV.

By the foregoing it therefore appears the Reformed Church in America has a direct interest *and equitable claim* in the prop-

erty held by the several churches in its denomination, and that the Courts will protect such right and not permit property held by any church to be diverted from the denomination.

The law also holds the trustees personally responsible for any violation of their trust, as the cases above cited and others show.

V.

An act has been passed in the State of Michigan for the incorporation of Holland Christian Reformed Churches—*Laws of 1881, p. 57.*

There is a provision (Sec. 9) in this act that any church now incorporated may dissolve its existing organization and become incorporated under this act, and that the powers, duties, trusts, &c, held by it shall be transferred to the new corporation.

This act cannot change the rights of the Reformed Church in America in and to the property of any church in its denomination which may conform thereto.

A religious corporation, as well as an individual, has rights as to property, legal and equitable, which are protected by the constitution, and no statute can deprive it of its property, nor can trustees avoid their liability by dissolving the corporation. Trustees cannot transfer a better right or title than they themselves possess, and whoever takes the property will take it subject to the trust. A Court of Equity will enforce the trust and protect the Reformed Church in its rights.

VI.

Notwithstanding the Reformed Church in America has for many years aided weak churches and founded new ones, and been at large expense in educating young men for the ministry, still attempts have been and are being made to secede and divert church property from the denomination therefore:

Ques.—Supposing a church elects its consistory in the usual way, adheres to all the doctrinal standards of the Reformed Church, makes no change in its name, conforms to all the usages of the Reformed Church, excepting it refuses to send delegates to Classis, or in any manner to recognize its ecclesiastical relations with the Reformed Church—and then supposing other churches unite in the same course and form a Council—what would be the standing of such church or churches?

Ans.—Such a church would, by its own action, declare itself independent, which is secession. Uniting in a council with others would only make more clear the intention. Such church or churches would be declared to be schismatic, and be the subject of classical action. No device or subterfuge by any church once in relation with the Reformed Church would be tolerated by a Court of Equity. They who seek to change their relationship to the Reformed Church cannot hide under its doctrinal standards, name and form as a tent to cover the property contributed by the living and the dead for the extension of the Reformed Church organization.

VII.

The action of Classis has been sustained by the Court as follows :

Connitt et al. v. Ref. Prot. Dutch Ch., New Prospect, 54 New York Rep., p. 557.

Held:—

“The pastor was not called as an independent religious teacher to minister in holy things among the people who called him ; he was called as a minister *ordained in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in America* to be a pastor of a church belonging to that *religious organization*. It was part of his contract that he should be *subordinate* to and under the *jurisdiction* of the *judicatories of that church*, and that he should discharge his pastoral duties in obedience to the *constitution, laws and usages thereof*.”

P. 559.—“The Classis has complete and full *ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the pastor and churches within its bounds*.”

“The relation of a pastor to his congregation, and the manner in which he discharges his duties, involving the spiritual welfare of his congregation, and to some extent the character of the church organization to which he is attached, are subjects of ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Whether a man shall be ordained as a minister—whether a pastor shall be called, dismissed, suspended or deposed—and whether his pastoral relation to any particular congregation shall be continued or terminated, are ecclesiastical matters, to be disposed of in the ecclesiastical judicatories, in an ecclesiastical way.”

P. 562.—“It is the settled law of this country, repeatedly announced by the most learned judges and higher courts, that in

such cases the civil courts must take the decisions of the ecclesiastical courts as final and binding upon the parties."

Other cases also have held that the decision of an ecclesiastical court upon an ecclesiastical matter within its jurisdiction is conclusive upon the civil court.

Chase v. Cheney, 10 Am. Law Reg. (N. S.),
295.

Watson v. Jones, 13 Wallace, 679-733.

VIII.

As a question of practice, there are different ways to bring these matters before the court,

1. Where the minority is small, the universal practice has been to file a bill in equity.

1st Edward Chan. Rep., 585.

1st Sanford Chan. Rep., 439.

2 Denio, 525.

13 Wallace U. S. Rep., 714.

2. This can be done by a minority of trustees, or a single trustee, or where there are none, by members of the church.

3. The Board of Domestic Missions, being a corporation, can file such a bill as to any church it has aided or founded.

4. The Court of Equity has power, where trustees have been removed or resigned, to create trustees.

N. Y. Rev. Stat., 2 vol., p. 1111, sec. 84.

Compiled Laws Michigan, 4140.

5. It can also remove trustees.

1 San. Chan. Rep., 439.

SUMMARY.

1. The Reformed Church in America has an interest and *equitable claim* in the property of every church in its denomination.

2. The trustees of every church are personally liable for the faithful performance of the duties of their trust.

3. A Court of Equity will protect the denomination from loss by reason of any diversion of trust or attempt to carry a church out of its organization.

4. The Civil Court will sustain the action of ecclesiastical judicatories.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

The Committee on these Funds presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Fund would respectfully report, that they have had put in their hands the annual statement, containing the receipts and expenditures of both these important agencies of the Church together with a pamphlet or tract containing a succinct statement of the plan of operation, and all needed information in regard to the benevolent features of both these Funds.

From the Annual Financial Exhibit, your Committee have made the following abstract for the information of the Synod :

I. WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount invested April 30, 1881	\$54,092 94
Received on account of principal collections	
from Churches	750 54
Collections from Churches (\$20 of the amount to be credited to Pastor)	625 52
One-half of the annual payments of Min- isters	552 50
Interest on the aggregate amount of sums paid by clergymen at one time	40
Total amount received	\$1,968 56
Amount withdrawn	120 00
Net increase of principal	1,848 56
Amount invested April 30, 1882	\$55,941 50

WIDOWS' FUND INCOME.

Cash on hand April 30, 1881	\$5,030 19
Received from Interest on above men- tioned principal	\$3,005 01
One-half of the annual payment of min- isters	552 50
Total amount received	\$3,557 51

Disbursements during the year.

Paid to annuitants.....	\$2,697 76
“ “ Principal Fund.....	40
Expense of administering the Fund.....	250

Total disbursements.....\$2,987 76

Net gain during the year.....569 75

Cash on hand April 30, 1882.....\$5,599 94

II. DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount invested April 30, 1882, same as reported
last year.....49,614 85

Cash on hand April 30, 1881.....\$3,891 96

Receipts.

Interest on above mentioned Principal..\$3,103 85
Collection from Churches.....\$1,495 03

Total received.....\$4,598 88

Disbursements.

Paid appropriations.....\$4,455
Expense of administering the Fund.....120 80

Total disbursements.....\$4,575 80

Net gain.....23 08

Cash on hand April 30, 1882.....\$3,915 04

Your Committee notice with pleasure a larger interest on the part of the ministry of the Church in the "Widows' Fund," as is apparent from the large increase of receipts from them, over previous years, made to this object, but would respectfully call the attention of Synod to the urgent needs of the "Disabled Ministers' Fund," and would recommend the following action :

Resolved, That all the Churches be requested to take an annual collection for each of these objects, and that the "Disabled Ministers' Fund" be especially commended to the attention of Churches and Consistories as worthy of their larger interest, and larger aid.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and hereby are

extended to the Special Committee of the Synod of 1880, of which Rev. C. L. Wells was appointed Chairman, and also to the Board of Direction for the printed information in pamphlet form they have given to the Churches, in regard to the object sought and benefits resulting from both the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Fund, and would heartily recommend said pamphlet to the attention of all our Churches and Consistories.

Resolved, That in view of the surplus income in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, belonging to the Widows' Fund, the Treasurer be authorized and empowered, if in his judgment it be fitting, and no legal objections be in the way, to increase the allowances to the several annuitants who are receiving aid from this fund ten (10) per cent. for the current year, and so long thereafter as the moneys of said Fund shall warrant it.

Respectfully submitted,

P. V. VAN BUSKIRK, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Publication, was received and referred to the Committee on Publication, except the part relating to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Publication presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Board of Publication and the proof sheets of the Revised Liturgy with appended Psalms, and beg leave to report as follows :

First.—They congratulate the Board and the Church that the Board is now entirely free from debt, with enough capital to carry on its business. It is thus in a condition to do efficient service for the truth.

The Sower and Mission Monthly ought to have a much wider circulation than it has.

The Hymn and Tune Book, entitled "Christian Praise," has a circulation unprecedented in our Church, the sixteenth thou-

and being already printed, and all the expenses of the book paid. Henceforth it will be a source of profit.

The newly-printed Liturgy anticipates a request of the Particular Synod of Albany, and presents in print for the first time the Revised Liturgy "as constitutionally adopted."

The Committee submits for the adoption of the Synod the following resolutions :

1. That Synod hears with great gratification that the finances of the Board of Publication are in such excellent condition and commends the Board as at present managed to the cordial co-operation of the churches.

2. That the Board be instructed to keep the account of its benevolent work separate from its ordinary work, and to carry on such benevolent work as fast and as far as practicable without incurring debt.

3. That the families of the churches be urged, as far as they can, to take and read the Sower and Mission Monthly, in order that the knowledge of the doings of the Church may be more generally known.

4. That the Hymn and Tune Book, entitled "Christian Praise," be again commended to churches desiring to provide themselves with a new Hymn Book.

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod approve the edition of the Revised Liturgy, with appended psalms, for responsive reading, and recommended it for use in the churches.

6. That the Revised Liturgy, with the appended psalms arranged for responsive reading, be bound in one volume with "Christian Praise," as well as separately, for the convenience of the churches.

Respectfully,

JOHN B. THOMPSON, *Chairman*.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication :

Rev. Henry Vehslage,	Elder Garret Van Nostrand,
" J. H. Snyder,	" John H. T. Banta,
" J. B. Drury, D.D.,	" Gilbert G. Cooper,
" A. J. Hutton,	" A. V. W. Van Vechten.

The following was adopted : *Resolved*, That the surviving members of the committee which made the revised translation of the Heidelberg Catechism, be requested to review their

work, and, after submitting it to the theological professors, to publish the same with their approval in such form as may be desired, adding suitable Scripture references, without expense to the Synod.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod (see Minutes, p. 786) presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1881 to examine and report on the text of the Apostle's Creed as it is found in the Catechisms and Liturgy of the Church respectfully report.

The resolution by which they were appointed, is as follows :

“WHEREAS, It is highly desirable for the avoidance of confusion in the Liturgical recitation of our Creed, and for historic accuracy, that there should be a verbal uniformity in that Creed, as the communicant in our Reformed Church is taught it in his youth, receives it before entering our membership, is required to repeat it at every communion season (finding the three copies bound together in one small volume), and as it is used by other branches of the Church of Christ as a symbol of a common faith, and

WHEREAS, There is a want of uniformity in three places between the Creed of the Catechism and Compendium, and that of the Liturgy, and a discrepancy between these three and the version in use by other churches ; therefore

Resolved, That Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D., Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., and Elder H. D. Van Orden, be a Committee to investigate the subject thoroughly, decide what verbal alterations are necessary to make the Creed of the Catechism, the Compendium, and the Liturgy, verbally identical and historically accurate, and report the result of their labors to the next General Synod for their action, and if approved, for the adoption of such constitutional measures as will make these verbal alterations of authority in all subsequent publications of the Catechism, Compendium and Liturgy.”

The want of uniformity referred to in the preamble to this resolution, consists in the term used in the second article of the Creed to describe the Sonship of our Blessed Lord. The term used in the Communion Office is “*His Only Son.*” The term used in the Catechism is “*His Only-Begotten Son.*” The

Committee are directed to investigate which of these terms is historically accurate.

To which the reply must be, *both*.

Pearson's well-known treatise on the Creed, Sir Peter King's History of the Apostle's Creed, and especially Dr. Philip Schaff's full and scholarly treatise on the Creeds of Christendom, give the history of the gradual growth of this most ancient Christian confession. And Drs. Pearson and Schaff give, from the earliest memorials extant, exact copies of it, both in the Greek text of it in use in the Eastern Church, and in the Latin text of it in use in the Western Church, during this long and gradual growth. By the close of the fourth century it had taken in the main the shape which it has since retained. That form, in the Latin text of it, comes to us in the writings of Rufinus, who writes it down as it was in use in the Church of Aquileia about A. D. 390, and who gives it also in an earlier form in use fifty years before in the Western Church. Tertullian, born about A. D. 160, recites it in a tract of his as the rule of faith in his day. And in each of these, both the earlier and the later, the term in question is, *unicum*, *only*. The expository writings of Augustine give us the Creed as it was in use in the North African Church at the close of the fourth and the beginning of the fifth century. And in this the term in question is, *unigenitum*, *only begotten*. In the centuries immediately succeeding, as the Creed took definitely and finally the shape which it has since retained in the Liturgical use of the Church, the term in question kept the most ancient form of it, as we have it to this day, viz.: *unicum*, *only*.

And yet, as in the older expository writings, so in the later, the form *unigenitum*, *only begotten*, prevailed. Wherefore it seems natural and proper that this form of it should be found in the Catechisms of the Church; and that we should be following the ancient usage, viz.: in all recitation of the Creed in worship, to use the term *only*. And in the expository standards of the Church to retain the fuller term, *only begotten*.

This was the practice of the Churches of the Reformation, including our own. The standards of the Synod of Dort, given in the first edition of the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church, issued by the General Synod in 1792, repeating the affirmation of the Convention of 1771, follow this ancient order. And the successive editions of the standards, as viz.: that ap-

pended to the Hymn Book of 1768, and that in the Hymn Book of 1789, follow it likewise.

The Committee cannot see any reason for disturbing this. The fuller term includes the briefer. For use in worship, especially at the Holy Supper, the immemorial usage sanctions the terms—*His only Son*. And for use in exposition the ancient usage holds the terms—*His only begotten Son*. Your Committee recommend no change. The slight possibility of confusion, it seems to them, can be easily avoided by suitable instruction to catechumens, and by making sure that a copy of the proper Sacramental service is in the hands of every communicant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. R. THOMPSON,
TALBOT W. CHAMBERS,
HENRY D. VAN ORDEN.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

The Synod fixed the hours of meeting and adjournment, as follows : Of meeting, 9 A. M., 2½ P. M., and 7½ P. M.; and of adjournment at 12½ P. M., and 5½ P. M.

The Synod also designated the bar of the house.

The afternoon of the first day, after the transaction of the business prescribed in the rules, was spent in devotional exercises.

The first half hour of each morning session was also so spent, after the calling of the roll.

The following persons were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises and Supplies, viz.: Rev. Joachim Elmen-dorf, Rev. Peter E. Kip, and Elders Jacob F. Clute and Samuel Rankin, with the Rev. W. E. Griffis, pastor of the church.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the afternoon of the second day.

The President presided, offered prayer and read the Form. Rev. Edward A. Reed administered the bread, and Rev. N. M. Steffens administered the cup after brief addresses. Elders Jacob Storms, J. F. Clute, William H. Jackson and A. Van Deursen assisted in the distribution of the bread and wine.

The Chairman of the Committee appointed by the last General Synod (see p. 789), to consider the merits of the revision of the New Testament and report to this Synod, stated that the Committee had not been able to meet, and therefore he could not report.

The Committee was continued for another year.

It was *Resolved*, that the resident clergy of the city of Schenectady, who may be present from time to time, be cordially invited to sit with the Synod.

Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., of Amoy, China, and Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., and Rev. J. McClelland Holmes, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A report from James Anderson, M. D., of the Committee on Church Laws, was received and accepted, and the committee was continued with a view to securing further legislation on the subject, with the appointment of Maurice E. Viele, and H. W. Bookstaver, in the place of Daniel P. Ingraham and Robert H. Pruyn, deceased.

The following is the report :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

Your Committee on Church Law respectfully report, that since their report to General Synod, 1881, they have secured an amendment to Section 3, of Chapter 55, enacted March 10th, 1880, which was so general and indefinite, particularly the latter part, referring to membership. A copy of said amendment is hereto annexed :

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter fifty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act to amend section three of chapter one hundred and ten of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled 'An act supplemental to chapter sixty of the laws of eighteen hundred and thirteen,' entitled 'An act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies,' and of the several acts amendatory thereof."

PASSED March 21, 1882 ; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Section three, of chapter one hundred and ten, of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act supplemental to chapter sixty of the laws of eighteen hundred

and thirteen, entitled 'An act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies, and of the several acts amendatory thereof,' " is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

§ 3. Whenever any church, parish or religious society, in connection with any such governing body, shall become extinct (by reason of the death or removal of its members), or for any other cause, it shall be lawful for the trustees elected by such governing body, as aforesaid, to take possession of the temporalities belonging to such extinct church or society, and manage, sell or dispose of the same and apply the proceeds thereof to any of the objects or purposes mentioned in the second section of this act. It shall not be lawful for said trustees to divert said property to any other object. The governing body to which such church or society belongs shall determine when any church or society has become extinct, or has ceased to maintain religious services for two consecutive years (as is customary in said governing body), provided that no church or society having more than thirteen resident, attending male members each of whom has annually paid pew rent, or annual contributions toward the support of the church or society the last two years, shall be declared extinct, except it has failed to maintain religious services for two consecutive years according to the customs and usages of the governing body to which such church or society belongs.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original law.

JOSEPH B. CARR,

Secretary of State.

It is with deep regret that your Committee are again called in sorrow to report that two of their associate members, Daniel P. Ingraham and Robert H. Pruyn, have, by Divine Providence, been removed by death. They were highly appreciated in their Church, and they will long be kindly remembered.

NEW YORK, June 5th, 1882.

JAMES ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

In response to an invitation the members of Synod, at the close of the evening session on Monday, visited President E. N. Potter, of Union College, at his residence, and were cordially received and hospitably entertained.

The following resolution in reference to the Christian Intelligencer was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we cordially recommend the Christian Intelligencer as a paper in every respect worthy of support, and would express the hope that it might be taken by every family in our denomination, that they may be kept informed of the work of our Church, and of the progress and general interests of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted, and President Potter, having been introduced and taken a seat by the side of the President, addressed the Synod.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Nott Potter, the able and honored head of Union University, be received by the Synod and be invited to a seat on the right of its President.

Resolved, As Union College was first endowed by members of this congregation, and was then by its pastor, Dr. Romeyn, founded upon the principles of Christian unity, that these resolutions be read at the reception of President Potter, and that he be invited to respond to them.

On Tuesday evening, at the close of the session, the members of Synod were entertained by the ladies of the First Church at a delightful social reception in the lecture room.

Rev. James E. Bernart and Rev. L. Walter Lott were appointed a committee to canvass the ballots for members of the Boards and Corresponding Delegates.

ARTICLE XXII

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. Dr. A. S. Hunt of the American Bible Society addressed the Synod on behalf of that Society, and also presented a paper which was referred to the Committee on Benevolent Institutions.

The Committee presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Benevolent Institutions report that a paper has been placed in their hands coming from the Ameri-

can Bible Society, entitled "An address to the people of the United States."

The address unfolds the purpose of the Society with regard to its work during the coming year and appeals for effort and aid on the part of Christians.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Synod reiterate its former commendations of the work of the American Bible Society and urge its claim upon the churches which are here represented.

And further the Synod expresses its hearty sympathy with the Society in its effort to supply the people of the United States with the Word of God, and urge upon the churches a co-operation with the Society for the successful accomplishment of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. HULST, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

To the Revd., the General Synod of the Reformed Church :

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence beg leave to report that they find no plan of estimates and apportionments heretofore submitted to the Synod which has seemed to secure the attention and hearty approval of any considerable part of its members.

In default, then, of any appliance or hoped-for appliance looking to a definite system, which does threaten to defeat itself by the reality or the appearance of what some have ventured already to stigmatize as a tax ; your committee have with entire unanimity agreed to fall back on what seems to them a simple and tenable basis—that is, God's Word alone—

I. In I Cor. 16 : 1, 2 the apostle Paul gives what the Holy Ghost calls an *order*. "As I have given order, so do ye, upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store" (for Church Benevolence) "as God has prospered him." This order or law includes, when looked at, four specifications :

1. That giving is to be after a plan—periodical and not spasmodic—"On the first day of the week."

2. That giving is a duty *universally* binding—"Let every one of you."

3. That it is a duty of a private personal character—"Lay by him in store," Greek *παρ'ἑαυτῷ*, by himself—*i. e.*, No man can be another man's conscience.

4. That it has reference to a definite end, as the Lord blesses us, an increasing proportion of our incomes—"As God hath prospered him." So far, we think, our Ancient Synod can go and go safely, step by step in the line of the Scripture.

·II. Your committee recommend that while the proportion of income given to God be left to the individual conscience, yet that the number ten marked in the fingers of our hands of action and stamped on every sentence of the Bible where it speaks about material things—that the principle of the tithes which are now to be given to Christ and no longer to any typical Melchizedec *ἐκεῖ δὲ* for in this case says St. Paul, *He* receiveth them of whom it is witnessed that *He liveth*—that this principle be emphasized from the pulpit as a certain help and guide to decision—and that it also be emphasized that while the law-bound Jew was commanded to give the one-tenth, the free Christian ought not to do less than the Jew, and that the demands of a system circumscribed by the Jordan on the one hand and the Mediterranean on the other, ought not to be greater than the demands of a system unhemmed by seas and unconfined to continents, and which contemplates a gospel preached to every creature, a salvation for a world.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BISHOP, *Chairman.*

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30th, 1882, by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.

[See Synod's Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Albany.							
First Albany.....	65 23	175 74	587 74	.....	.....	.....	295 22
Second Albany.....	.....	211 69	532 69	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Albany.....	15 08	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth Albany.....	7	9	14	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holland Albany.....	.....	9	20 31	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Bethlehem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Bethlehem.....	12	34 50	58	7 50	.....	.....	.....
Second Berne.....	2 28	3 82	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knox.....	3 22	14 43	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	.....	2 52	2 52	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coeymans.....	14 82	78 95	76 54	.....	.....	.....	3
Jerusalem.....	4 94	6 27	1 50	1 67	.....	.....	4 54
New Salem.....	.....	9 02	9 01	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onesquethaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	.....	5 60	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Baltimore.....	10 63	39 27	148 49	11 72	.....	7 92	.....
Westerlo.....	.....	16	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Bergen.							
English Neighborhood.....	.....	18 75	15	.....	20	7	.....
First Hackensack.....	.....	125	705	.....	.....	.....	25
Schraalenbergh.....	45	23 50	65 41	38 88	.....	.....	14 75
New Durham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park Reformed, Jersey City.	18 85	41 39	85 72	6 04	10	21 42	.....
First Hoboken.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Bergen.....	15	15	16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Hackensack.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Hackensack.....	.....	7 83	27 64	9 83	.....	.....	.....
Ger. Evan., Hoboken.....	.....	13 28	12 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Closter City.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palisades.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guttenberg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gen. Ave., Jersey City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Lee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherry Hill.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Classis of Bergen.							
Bergen.....	13 12	144 49	453 45	16 17	.....	.....	35 30
First Jersey City.....	.....	.....	72 63	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Bayonne.....	10 59	37 59	21 83	9 66	.....	.....	.....
First Van Vorst (2d J. C.)...	260 37	103 46	269 18	4 13	20	.....	13 75
Bergen Point.....	.....	155	200	.....	.....	.....	35
Second Hudson City.....	15 75	18 59	13 89	10	5	.....	5

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of Bergen.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Lafayette	35	100 04	258 28	5	10	10	20
Greenville			110 85				
Free Jersey City							
Third Bayonne							
South Bergen	4 86	34 09	67 34	3 65	3 16	3 16	25 31
Classis of Cayuga.							
Canastota	2 44						7 50
Chittenango	12 22		17			12	10 65
Cicero							
Naumburg	4	2	5	1	1		
New Bremen			1				
Owasco	5	21 28		1 50	5 65	5 65	
Owasco Outlet	11	15	33	6 65	3 80	3 80	20
Syracuse		46 70	271 41		5 29		
Thousand Isles	3	12 60	11				
Utica	49 09	259 62	810 58	10 18		18 52	
West Leyden		8 06		2			
Classis of Grand River.							
Detroit							
Fremont Centre	4						
First Grand Haven	35	13 38	206 39		8 20	8 19	
Second Grand Haven	20 03	20 60	94				
Second Grand Rapids	81 31	78 62	128 62				
Third Grand Rapids	15	38 10	36 75				
Fourth Grand Rapids	10		5				
Grandville		23	24				50
Kalamazoo	63	81	294			15	
Montague							
Muskegon	64 55	55 20	128 06				37 50
Polkton			5 50				6
South Haven							
Spring Lake	33	43 38	57 78				
Twin Lakes	8 21	7 12	13 10				
Classis of Geneva.							
Abbe Church			44				
Arcadia							
Buffalo							
Cato							
Caroline							
Clymer		5 25	32 60				
Dunkirk	2	3	4				3
East Williamson	10	15	25				5
Fair Haven			5 04				
Farmer Village		5					
Geneva	10 78	8 33					
Lodi	12 35	35 69	59 28	9 23	4 07	12 35	15 48
Marion	11 75	10	5 75				12
Mina	4 80	4 05	4 02		1 83		
Pultneyville		18 50	31 75				11 34
Rochester		43 15	133 68				
Tyre	13	37 75	44 02	3 63	3 15	3 15	9

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene.							
First Athens.....	10	50	105	5			
Second Athens.....							
Catskill.....		12 41	89 40	9 50			
First Coxsackie.....	10	17 30	62 43		5 60		
Second Coxsackie.....	13 35	88 80	137 25			6 80	
Kiskatom.....	39 90	58 24	25 56	9 90	6 66	6 66	9 90
Leeds.....	6	13	34	3 36	3	3	4
Classis of Holland.							
Beaverdam.....	24	23	14				
Cleveland.....	5		10 50				
Dronthe.....			40				
East Overysseel.....							
Ebenezer.....	45 72		50 15			7 45	
Fynsart.....		10					
Graafschap.....	5		54 63				
First Holland.....	37 41	20	126 61		15 50		
Third Holland.....	27	27	100 30				
Jamestown.....	7 50	10	85 30				
North Holland.....	29	11	95				50
Overysseel.....	61 84	40 50	218 80	10			
Rotterdam.....	18 43	9 75	6 75				
Saugatuck.....	13						
Vriesland.....	28 82	17 71	78 55				
Zabriskie.....							
Zeeland.....	126 05	48 85	370 03		20		
Classis of Hudson.							
Hudson.....	34 35	216 88	533 46	21 33			40 21
First Claverack.....			83 80	7			
Second Claverack.....	22 21	31 04	72 81		13 37	13 38	5 16
Linlithgo.....	7	20 65	26 78				
Greenport.....			114				
Germanatown.....	10	10	20 01				10
Upper Red Hook.....	11 80	40 12	247 22				
Taghkanic.....							
Gallatin.....		8 46	10 59				
Livingston at Linlithgo.....							
Classis of Illinois.							
Fair View.....	25 67	11 75	96 08				
First Pekin.....		9 61					5
Spring Lake.....							
Raritan.....			70				
Bushnell.....			25				
First Pella.....	20 25	19 10	140		20	16 50	
Havana.....		61	2 36				
Second Pella.....			15				
Third Pella.....							
Otley.....		3					
Bethel.....		10	26				
Orange City.....	30	20			20		
Norris.....	3 40	5	7 60	3			
Norwood Park.....		6	20 68				
Irving Park.....		24 20	36 72				
Parkersburg.....		10	21 60				
Second Pekin.....							
East Orange.....	18 53	15	22 25				13
West Branch.....	10	15	21 38	7 92			
Manito.....							
Washington.....		6	10 78				
Dakota.....							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Kingston.							
Bloomingtondale.....	3	6		4 25			
The Clove.....	21 68	27 28	101 84	5 25	4 41	4 42	
Dashville Falls.....							
Guilford.....	9 09	24 43	7	6			
Hurley.....	6 68	42 38	90 29				
Second Kingston.....	10	82 26	147 50	11 34	10		5 07
Krumville.....		7	3				
Lyonsville.....							
Marbletown.....	4 46	15 56	27 31			2 94	
Marbletown North Church...		7	12				
New Paltz.....	31	32	250 33	12			30 59
Rochester.....		5	20				
Rosendale.....	7	9 76	5	1 75			
St. Remy.....	2 36	1 68		1 96	2 33		
N. Classis of Long Island.							
Jamaica.....	48 25	141 90	175 85	29 27	20	9 15	30 64
Newtown.....	15	85	95		6 98	6 98	24
Oyster Bay.....	8 65	36 23	29 03	7 47			8 71
North Hempstead.....		22 75		15 35			
Williamsburgh.....		55	172 34				
Astoria.....	20	169 94	235 95	19 50	10 50	10 50	17
Flushing.....		58 55	155 45				
Greenpoint.....	37	64 40	136 69		5	5	
South Bushwick.....			80 50				
Second Astoria.....		10	17				5
East Williamsburgh.....							
Queens.....	18 83	92 75	171 03	9 42	20	15 47	14 46
Ger. Ev., Brooklyn, E. D....	35	23	27 50	2	5	5	2
Sayville.....	2 14	3 49	15	3	2	5	3 12
Locust Valley.....	10 12	27 41	36 50		5 34	5 34	21 50
College Point.....	8 47	39 16	38 02	14 43	8 50	8 75	9 50
Lanrel Hill.....							
First Long Island City.....							
Bushwick.....			25				
Germ. Ev., Jamaica.....		20	12				
S. Classis of Long Island.							
Brooklyn.....	309 27	498 20	722 50		17 76	17 76	74 61
Flatbush.....	913 05	930 93	1302 29	34 43	20	14 62	32 83
Flatbush Mission.....	10	26	50				
New Utrecht.....	24 16	310 69	354 10				
Gravesend.....	41 65	114	209 95	21 50			
Flatlands.....	55 63	53 21	42 56	34 50	20	1 45	
New Lots.....	32 01	50	148 50	11	20		40
East New York.....	15 26	44 29	88 10	8 50	8 62	8 63	14
South Brooklyn.....		5 18	37 28		2 86	2 86	6 10
Middle Brooklyn.....	59 70	145 30	72 70			10 85	
Twelfth St., Brooklyn.....	41 73	160 59	89 29	14 77	6 75	6 75	16 83
North Brooklyn.....			70				
Church on Heights, Bklyn....	434 09	441 13	1747 85	108 75	22 83	22 83	120
New Brooklyn.....	5	11	11	2 00			5
Bedford.....	5	10	10	5 00		2 00	25
Second Flatbush.....		11 60					
Canarsie.....	3 50	3 25	3 25				
Classis of Michigan.							
Centreville.....	10 30	20 16	33				
Constantine.....	20	40	77 30				
De Spelder.....		1 92	1 41	1 61		72	
Grand Rapids.....	10	32	32				
Hope, Second Holland.....	3		34 65	10 84			

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Classis of Michigan.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Macon		12	11 50				
Porter							
South Bend	2 25	30 30	5 25	1 50	1 25	2 25	7 50
South Macon	1 33		11 06				
Classis of Monmouth.							
First Freehold		41 12	24 25	6 98	10 59		5 31
Holmdel	18	116 34	65 75	9 00	7 10	13 50	14 00
Spottswood		6 79					
Middletown		15	14 01				
Second Freehold	13 10	615 19	179 07	500	20	8 32	114 05
Keyport	10 05	25 10	8 35	85	1 55		85
First Long Branch	7 29	29 44	23 20		10 90	10 90	
Colt's Neck	8 50	25	31	8	3	3	10
Highlands		5 75					
Asbury Park		22 77					10
Second Long Branch	10					5 40	
Classis of Montgomery.							
Anriessville	3 75	8 73	11 16				
Canajoharie	10 07	19 34	83 63	7 42	10	10	10
Columbia							
Cranesville							
Currytown	6 66	23 52	31 16				
Ephratah							
Florida	10	12	39				
Fonda	13 25	89 92	190 66	10 75		11 50	32
Fort Plain	55	45	75			37 42	25 27
Fort Herkimer							
Fultonville	17 26	41 55	44 39	15 02	8 94	9 42	10 35
Glen			33				
Hagaman's Mills	29 42	50 30	49 12	10 15	4 10	5 85	10
Henderson							
Herkimer	25 96	37 97	74 74	12 98	4 48	6 41	15
Indian Castle							
Manheim	4 25	3	5	2 50			
Mapletown	2	8 18	16 21				
Mohawk							
Port Jackson	17 41	18 65	38 35	15 07			
St. Johnsville	8	23 96	26 91	6 11			
Spraker's Basin	1	4 84	6 25				
Stone Arabia							
Classis of Newark.							
Belleville		38 43	146 75				
First Newark	29 26	144 26	550 16	18 10	13 72	28 79	32 04
Irvington							
Second Newark	9	58 35	80 76	6 00			
Franklin		10	11 25				
North Newark	50	2266 75	2150	30			1232 04
West Newark							
Clinton Avenue	17 68	135	324 14	17 68	7	7 01	98 89
East Newark	1	13 25	13 25	1	1		
Linden		35	35				
Woodside							
Stone House Plains			14 28				
Orange	38 57	143 49	1050 30	87 53			
Trinity Plainfield	18 12	50	225	15			35

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of New Brunswick.							
First New Brunswick.....	54 63	286 25	593 03	45	29 88	.....	22 26
Six Mile Run.....	22 49	262 92	185 56	30 39	8	8	26 20
Hillsborough.....	9 01	65 83	82 18				
Middlebush.....	33 36	120 34	110	8 91	30	5 16	10 18
Griggstown.....	6 12	42 25	56 76	5 10	2 41	.....	3 68
Second New Brunswick.....	45 17	81 93	930 95	33 66	14 29	14 30	
Bound Brook.....		39 55	14 54				
Third New Brunswick.....			30 84				
East Millstone.....	19 70	17 86	19 70	.....	20		
Metuchen.....	11 75	2					
Classis of New York.							
Collegiate New York.....	917 24	2380 84	4700 84	236 84	160 68	350 80	1013 28
Harlem.....	39 31	66 19	255 90	12 02		19 24	17 64
South New York.....		95	888 89				
Staten Island.....	25	120	99 88	15	15	25	10
Bloomington.....			5				
Madison Avenue.....		423 91	109 99				
Thirty-fourth Street.....	20 28	22 84	99 77	14 04	20	10 39	21 29
Ger. Evan. Mission.....	50	50	128 20	15		10	40
Richmond, S. I.....							
Huguenots, S. I.....							
St. Pauls, Mott Haven.....	30 05	71 24	104 60				
Union, High Bridge.....	25 13	40 17					
Fourth German.....		20	15 50	.....	4	4	
Prospect Hill.....	40	100	231 28	20	15	15	45
Holland.....	2 56	6 91		3 50	.....	4 74	4
Brookfield, Conn.....							
Av. B. Ger. Evan.....	3	10	20	5	5	5	5
Brighton Heights.....	11 11	16 83	31 62	15 34	10 50	10 50	16 36
Union, Sixth Avenue.....		24 30	130				
German, Norfolk Street.....		20	19 50				
Mattoax and Amelia C. H.....							
Classis of Orange.							
Berea.....		30	42	6	4 21	4 21	
Bloomingsburgh.....	7	9 46	9 47				
Callicoon.....		3					
Claraville.....		3					
Cnddebackville.....	4						
Deerpark.....	29 31	168	284 20				18 30
Ellenville.....		70	93 79				
Fallsburgh.....	2	5	10	.....	3		
Grahamville.....		14					
Kerhonkson.....							
Mamakating.....	3	4	6				
Minnisink.....							
Montgomery.....	53 48	323	658 16	432 50			
Newburgh.....		10 43	217 35				
New Hurley.....	24	24	19 55	19 50			
New Prospect.....	8 52	21 06	14 02	6 62		6 01	9 50
Shawangunk.....		16 50					30 50
Unionville.....							
Walden.....	25 50	50	138				
Wallkill Valley.....	16 52	5	12	3 75			17
Walpack, Upper.....	6 45	5 50					
Walpack, Lower.....	8 58	9 75	10 56				
Wawarsing.....		9	47 32				
Classis of Paramus.							
Acquackanonck.....	63	95	747 19	15 00	33 34	4	20
Broadway, Paterson.....	12 51	35 76	129 66	.....			9 20
Clarkstown.....	20 68	72 58	84 59	21 25	20	5 22	

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Paramus.							
(CONTINUED.)							
First Holland, Paterson.....	3 85	4 50	27 86	.....	10	3 36	
Holland, Wortendyke.....							
Holland, Lodi.....		5 32	2 54				
Second, Lodi.....			20				
Holland, Passaic.....							
North Passaic.....	12 75	172 82	238 21	2	20	.....	3
Nyack.....	321 18	112 23	336 78	12 73	23 83	14 86	7
Paramus.....	21 41	56 95	117 55	.....	.....	19 70	26 35
Pascack.....	5 54	4 77	.....	.....	2 28	2 28	5 54
Piermont.....	14	59 10	86 82	.....	10 66	.....	10 56
Ramapo.....							
Ramsey's.....							
Ridgewood.....							
Saddle River.....							
Second Totowa, Paterson.....	40	536 77	143 77	.....	.....	.....	20 12
Spring Valley.....	10 40	6	69 14	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tappan.....	16 11	16	36	.....	.....	17 95	10
Warwick.....	29 15	79 58	132 11	14 71	40	12 36	9 71
West New Hempstead.....		23 46	23 46				
Classis of Passaic.							
Boardville.....			4 27				
Boonton.....		4 50	127				
Fairfield.....		10	66				
Franklin Furnace.....			27 50				
Little Falls.....	8		33	.....	7		
Montville.....	19	11	109	5 36			
Sixth Paterson, Holland.....			20	30 80			
Pompton Plains.....		63 65	279 10				
Pompton.....	24	53 62	116 81	9 81	.....	12 81	15 75
Ponds.....	5	5	32 68	.....	5	5	9
Preakness.....	10 35	10 02	95 48	.....		
First Totowa, Paterson.....			226				
Union Reformed, Holland.....			41				
Wyckoff.....	10	18	109 75	2	1 50	1 50	2
Classis of Philadelphia.							
First Philadelphia.....	20 45	75 82	175 21				
Second Philadelphia.....			145				
Third Philadelphia.....	20 81	31 04	78 30	20			
Fourth Philadelphia.....	5	36 29	90	5	.....	5	5
Fifth Philadelphia.....	20	25	35	.....	.....	.....	20
N. & S. Hampton.....	14 70	21 95	70 17	.....	.....	.....	40
Addisville.....	8 57	20 14	17	.....	.....	.....	5
Blawenburgh.....		61 76	77 53	.....		
Clover Hill.....	19 50	.....	32	.....	4		
Harlingen.....	16 50	38 35	23 30	.....		
Neshanic.....	8 32	55 52	72 74	.....	3 33	3 33	
Stanton.....							
Rocky Hill.....	8 86	78 36	40 94	.....	2 71	3 95	4 04
Three Bridges.....							
Classis of Poughkeepsie.							
First Poughkeepsie.....		2000	.....		23 80	23 80	51 88
Second Poughkeepsie.....	22 18	91 38	171 35	.....	20	30	39 25
Fishkill.....	21 60	30	160 35	.....	2 18	2 17	5
Hopewell.....	29 85	12 38	34 20	.....		
New Hackensack.....	17 35	20 43	160 10			
Hyde Park.....	28 59	21 63	46 78	7 56	5 93	11 83
Fishkill on Hudson.....	23 88	87 78	129 14			

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Classis of Poughkeepsie.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Rhinebeck	14 62	93 46	118 48	17 21	10 67
Glenham	3	3 50	9 50	1 50	4	2	1 75
Cold Spring							
Millbrook		10					
Classis of Raritan.							
First Raritan	28 12	80 28	159 05	2	12 61	12 61	14 86
Readington	47 10	114 18	100	.....	20	5	
Bedminster	64 06	142 42	86 77	35 63			
Lebanon	4 70	13 06	31 84				
Rockaway	7	62 50	30 70	4	.....	4	
North Branch	8 50	69	131 65	.....	.....	.....	10
Second Raritan	56 62	73 36	94 31				
Peapack	4 26	4 97	57 10				
Branchville	13 81	52 49	101 02				
Third Raritan	10 60	98 77	181 95	10	7 50	7 50	
Easton	16 13	29 63	57 28				
Plainfield, German			5 99				
Pottersville	3	7 15	20 14	2	1 12	1 13	4 20
High Bridge	34 61	93 61					
Clinton Station	4 25	16 25					
Fourth Raritan							
Classis of Rensselaer.							
Blooming Grove			6	.....	10		
Castleton	40 10	30	65 12	.....	15		
Chatham	5	24	193 78	5	10	10	15
First Ghent	10	10	90	5	10	5	15
Second Ghent			10 56				
Greenbush	38 45	248	124 60	25 50			
Kinderhook	55 69	142 50	825 31	30 41	17 58	17 59	61 97
Nassau	21 15	32 35	41 40	12 35			
New Concord		11	10				
Schodack		3 75	73 57				
Schodack Landing	12 57	45 67	80 43	.....	.....	.....	5
Stuyvesant	3 21	8	143 92	2 21	5 58	2 76	2 63
Stuyvesant Falls			10				
Classis of Saratoga.							
Boght		6 50					
Buskirk's		22	25				
Cohoes		50	90				
Easton							
Fort Miller	10	8					
Gansevoort							
Northumberland							
Rensselaer							
Saratoga	19 31	34 15	15				
Schaghticoke	5 50	4	5				
Union Village							9 50
West Troy	11 22	210	40	7 63	36 58		
West Troy, (South Church)	25 67	165 97	232 70				13 69
Wynantskill							
Classis of Schenectady.							
First Schenectady	22 43	31 19	103 11	.....		19 56	
Second Schenectady		17 50	61 63				
First Glenville	10	120	125 10	10	10	10	13

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Schenectady.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Second Glenville.....		13	14				
First Rotterdam.....		10 09	85 76		8		
Second Rotterdam.....							
Helderberg.....	9 50	32	30	9 50		9 50	9 50
Niskayuna.....	14 65	35 35	99 55	9 83	10	13 88	9 83
Lisha's Kill.....	11 58	11 58	34 32	7 72	10	4	7 72
Amity.....	9	17 50	17 50				
Princetown.....	21 62	5 50	6 48				
Classis of Schoharie.							
Schoharie.....	16	13 82	63 22				
Middleburgh.....	5 24		25 60				
Gallupville.....							
Berne.....	33 87	17 25	38 60				
Beaverdam.....	3 13	7 25	4 40				
Lawyerville.....	24	25					
Schoharie Mountain.....		5 20	6				3 55
North Blenheim.....			11 25				
Breakabin.....			10 50				
Sharon.....							
Gilboa.....			105 55				
Central Bridge.....							
Prattsville.....							
Moresville.....							
Classis of Ulster.							
Blue Mountain.....	15 65	20 04	27 54	8 83			
Caatsbaan.....	10	41	252 80	7 66	3 75	3 75	7 50
Esopus.....							
Flatbush.....			12 85				
Kingston.....	154 70	172 49	312 40				
North Esopus.....	7 37	35 91	34		5		
Plattekill.....	9 02	7 43	24 77				
Roxbury.....			13 04				
Saugerties.....	7 06	143 37	251 65			6 95	9 75
Shandaken.....		7	20 70				
Shokan.....		10	27				
Stewartville.....			1 50				
West Hurley.....	7 50	4	6	5 83	1 50		1 50
Woodstock.....	5	5	6				
Wiltwyck.....	12 87	8 08	83 98				2 90
Classis of Westchester.							
Bronxville.....	22 32	22 38	147 14		6 80	6 80	
Cortlandtown.....		5	5				
Fordham.....	15	76 54	160		6 17	10	
Greenburgh.....							
Greenville.....	19	10 50					
Hastings.....							
Melrose.....		6 27					
Mount Vernon.....	46 43	235 14	224 96				
Peekskill.....							
First Tarrytown.....	20 07	49 21	72 46	17 82		23 26	17 82
Second Tarrytown.....	20	2911 82	180				2746 81
Unionville.....	6 45		20				
West Farms.....	3 31	86 42	62 29				
Yonkers.....	38 34	90 32	340 92	18 27	41 80	10	25

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Wisconsin.							
Alto....		13 50	280 78				
Alto Ebenezer.....							
Bethlehem.....	35		9				
Cedar Grove.....	28 50		99				
Chicago.....	29 95	51 63	281 51				
Danforth.....		5	37 28				
Ebenezer.....	5 25	11 40	11 25				
Foreston.....		33 61	14				
Franklin.....	20		23				
Fulton.....		38 78	72 06				
Gibbsville.....	33	13 06	147				
Greenleafston.....	15 50	23	52 50				
First Holland, Neb.....	14 65	35 59	142 54	6 21	7 18	8 17	19 08
Second Holland, Neb.....							
Lansing.....			10				
Milwaukee.....	40 45	86 88	171 57				
New Amsterdam.....							
Oostburg.....	14	13	10				
Peoria.....	7 80	16	7 65				
Roseland.....	50		130 50				
Silver Creek.....		18	220 10				
South Holland.....	14	39	70				
Sheboygan Falls.....							

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The Synod called the attention of Pastors and Churches to the recommendation that the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion be read from the pulpit upon the first Sabbath after the printed Minutes shall be received, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The stated Clerk reported that, according to the order of the General Synod, he had deposited in the Archives at New Brunswick, copies of all the Minutes to be found at the Synod's rooms.

Also, that he had received and deposited copies of several sermons preached before Synod by the Presidents thereof, and by the preachers on Benevolence.

Also, that the Particular Synod and the Classes are sending their original records for preservation in the Archives, which are thus becoming every year richer in historical documents.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Accounts would present the following report :

There are present in this body, eighteen delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, representing our Western Classes as follows :

<i>Five</i>	from the Classis of	.....	Illinois.
<i>Four</i>	" " "	.....	Wisconsin.
<i>Four</i>	" " "	.....	Holland.
<i>Three</i>	" " "	.....	Grand River.
<i>Two</i>	" " "	.....	Michigan.

According to a rule of General Synod which has guided the Committee on Accounts from year to year, these delegates are

entitled to receive for their traveling expenses in proportion of three to each Classis, and if there be an excess of that number in attendance, the amount apportioned to each Classis is to be divided equally among them, and if there be less than three delegates present, each shall receive but one-third of the sum thus appropriated. Inasmuch as our Church is extending itself in the far West, and some of the delegates come from a much farther distance than others, we concede the justice that some discrimination should be made in their favor, but that this should be done by the Classes they represent and not by the Synod. Your Committee has patiently investigated the several acts of General Synod relative to the payment of expenses of the Western delegates, and find themselves precluded from discriminating in favor of any one delegate. We therefore recommend that the delegates from the Western Synod be paid according to the rule as heretofore.

Five from the Classis of Illinois, \$21.60 each ; total . . . \$108

Four from the Classis of Wisconsin, \$24 each ; total . . 96

Four " " " Holland, \$21 each ; total . . . 84

Three " " " Grand River, \$28 each ; total. 84

Two " " " Michigan, \$28 each ; total . . . 56

Total \$428

The following bills have been put in the hands of the Committee, the payment of which we would recommend :

To the *Evening Star* for printing \$7

Bill for Stationery 3 60

Bill of Sexton 27

Total \$37 60

Respectfully submitted,

F. V. VAN VRANKEN, *Chairman.*

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

WHEREAS, The entertainment of the members of General Synod at their Annual Sessions has become a subject of anxiety, and is a great burden to the Churches where the Synod holds its sessions, and as the business of Synod is for the whole Church, all the Churches should bear their part of the burden ; therefore

Resolved, That this General Synod make an assessment on each Church connected with it, of two cents per member, and

that this sum be added to the Contingent Expenses, and be apportioned by the Board of Direction to each of the Classes, to be collected by them in the same way that the other expenses are collected.

Resolved, That the attention of the Particular Synod of Chicago be called to the subject of the apportionment of the sum appropriated by the General Synod to the payment of the traveling expenses of Western delegates.

It was resolved that twenty dollars additional be paid to each of the following Western delegates: Rev. Paul F. Schuelke, John W. Warnshuis, and C. Rhynsburger.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Synod *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,300 copies of the Minutes of this General Synod, in connection with the Minutes of the Extra Session, both being bound together, and that the price be printed on the cover.

The following resolutions of thanks were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Synod be and are hereby tendered to the following persons, who have kindly ministered to its comfort and convenience during the present Session: To the Pastor and Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Schenectady for the use of their grand and historic Church, and for the ample facilities afforded for the business of Synod; to the families of this Church, and to the other families of the city, who have so generously and sumptuously entertained the Synod with their unbounded hospitality; to the ladies of the First Reformed Church, for the splendid entertainment which they furnished the Synod in their Lecture Room on Tuesday evening; and to Rev. Dr. Potter, President of Union University, for the brilliant reception which he tendered the Synod at his house on Monday last; also, to the evening newspapers of the city, the "*Star*" and "*Union*," for the reports of the proceedings which they have published.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Roll was called, and none were found absent without excuse.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

By invitation of the Consistory of the Madison avenue Reformed Church of Albany, N. Y., the Synod resolved to convene in that Church on the first Wednesday in June, 1883, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer was then offered by the President, the Doxology was sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the Adessor, and the Synod was adjourned.

EDWARD P. INGERSOLL, *President.*

W. ORMISTON, *Adessor.*

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk.*

CHARLES H. POOL, }
DANIEL VAN PELT, } *Clerks pro tem.*

Official Minutes,

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

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Presidents of General Synod.

DATE.	PRESIDENTS.	FROM WHAT STATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.
June, 1794—	Rev. Wm. Linn.....	New York..	Albany, N. Y.
“ 1797—	Rev. Dirck Romeyn.....	“	New York City
“ 1800—	Rev. Ira Condict.....	New Jersey..	Albany, N. Y.
“ 1803—	Rev. John H. Livingston....	New York..	Po'keepsie, N. Y.
May, 1804—	Rev. John H. Livingston....	“	New York City.
June, 1806—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn..	New Jersey..	Albany, N. Y.
Sept., 1807—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn..	“	Harlem, “
June, 1809—	Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	New York..	New York City.
“ 1812—	Rev. Jacob Sickles.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1813—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	New Jersey..	New York City.
June, 1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	New York..	“ “
“ 1815—	Rev. John Schureman.....	New Jersey..	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1815—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Penns'vania..	New York City.
June, 1816—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	“	“ “
“ 1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.	New York..	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.	“	Kingston, N. Y.
June, 1818—	Rev. William McMurray....	“	New York City.
Aug., 1818—	Rev. William McMurray....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1819—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	“	“ “
“ 1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	New Jersey..	New York City.
Oct., 1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1821—	Rev. Selah S. Woodhull....	New York..	“ “
“ 1822—	Rev. Philip Milledoler.....	“	New York City.
Feb., 1823—	Rev. Philip Milledoler.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1823—	Rev. Jesse Fonda.....	“	“ “
“ 1824—	Rev. Thomas De Witt.....	“	New York City.
Jan., 1825—	Rev. Thomas De Witt.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Penns'vania..	“ “
Sept., 1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	“	N. B's'ck, N. J.
Mch., 1826—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	“	New York City.
June, 1826—	Rev. John Ludlow.....	New York..	“ “
“ 1827—	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler....	“	Phila'phia, Pa.
“ 1828—	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker....	“	Albany, N. Y.
“ 1829—	Rev. John Knox.....	“	New York City.
“ 1830—	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge....	New Jersey..	N. B's'ck, N. J.
“ 1831—	Rev. John Gosman.....	New York..	Albany, N. Y.
Nov. 1831—	Rev. John Gosman.....	“	New York City.
June, 1832—	Rev. Isaac Ferris.....	“	“ “
Oct., 1832—	Rev. Isaac Ferris.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1833—	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway.....	“	Schenec., “

DATE.	PRESIDENTS.	FROM WHAT STATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.
June, 1834—	Rev. Sam'l A. Van Vranken.	New Jersey.	New York City.
" 1835—	Rev. Robert Bronk.	New York.	Phila'phia, Pa.
" 1836—	Rev. Thomas M. Strong.	"	Albany, N. Y.
" 1837—	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff.	"	New York City.
" 1838—	Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor.	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
" 1839—	Rev. George W. Bethune.	Penns'vania.	Phila'phia, Pa.
July, 1839—	Rev. George W. Bethune.	"	N. B's'ck, N. J.
June, 1840—	Rev. James Murphy.	New York.	New York City.
Nov., 1840—	Rev. James Murphy.	"	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.	"	"
Sept. 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.	"	New York City.
Oct., 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.	"	"
June, 1842—	Rev. James B. Hardenbergh.	"	"
" 1843—	Rev. William C. Brownlee.	"	Albany, N. Y.
" 1844—	Rev. Jacob Van Vechten.	"	Po'keepsie, N. Y.
" 1845—	Rev. Maurice W. Dwight.	"	N. B's'ck, N. J.
" 1846—	Rev. William H. Campbell.	"	Albany, N. Y.
" 1847—	Rev. Abraham Messler.	New Jersey.	New York City.
" 1848—	Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye.	New York.	Kingston, N. Y.
Sept. 1848—	Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye.	"	Brooklyn, N. Y.
June, 1849—	Rev. George H. Fisher.	"	New York City.
Aug., 1849—	Rev. J. Van Vechten.	"	Schenec, N. Y.
June, 1850—	Rev. Jeremiah Searle.	"	Po'keepsie, "
" 1851—	Rev. Alexander M. Mann.	"	Albany, "
" 1852—	Rev. Gustavus Abeel.	New Jersey.	Wms'burgh, "
" 1853—	Rev. Duncan Kennedy.	New York.	Phila'phia, Pa.
" 1854—	Rev. Mancius S. Hutton.	"	Hudson, N. Y.
" 1855—	Rev. Ransford Wells.	"	N. B's'ck, N. J.
Oct., 1855—	Rev. Ransford Wells.	"	New York City.
June, 1856—	Rev. Francis M. Kip.	"	Utica, N. Y.
" 1857—	Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord.	"	Ithaca, "
Oct., 1857—	Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord.	"	Newark, N. J.
June, 1858—	Rev. David D. Demarest.	"	Newark, N. J.
" 1859—	Rev. Samuel B. How.	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
" 1860—	Rev. Oscar H. Gregory.	"	Phila'phia, Pa.
" 1861—	Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef.	"	Brooklyn, N. Y.
" 1862—	Rev. John Garretson.	"	Syracuse, "
" 1863—	Rev. Talbot W. Chambers.	"	Newburgh, "
" 1864—	Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr.	Michigan.	Schenectady.
" 1865—	Rev. Anson DuBois.	New York.	N. B's'ck, N. J.
" 1866—	Rev. Hervey D. Ganse.	"	New York City.
" 1867—	Rev. Thomas C. Strong.	"	Geneva, N. Y.
Nov., 1867—	Rev. Thomas C. Strong.	"	Albany, "
June, 1868—	Rev. Elbert S. Porter.	"	Hudson, "
" 1869—	Rev. Charles H. Stitt.	"	Phila'phia, Pa.
" 1870—	Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye.	"	Newark, N. J.
" 1871—	Rev. William J. R. Taylor.	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.

DATE.	PRESIDENTS.	FROM WHAT STATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.
Sept., 1871—	Rev. William J. R. Taylor...	New Jersey	Brooklyn, N. Y.
June, 1872—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf....	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
" 1873—	Rev. Acmon P. Van Gieson..	"	N. B's'ck, N. J.
" 1874—	Rev. Goy'n Talmage.....	New Jersey	Po'keepsie, N. Y.
" 1875—	Rev. Charles Scott.....	Michigan	Jersey City, N. J.
" 1876—	Rev. John McC. Holmes....	New York	Kingston, N. Y.
" 1877—	Rev. Rufus W. Clark.....	"	New York City.
" 1878—	Rev. Jacob Chamberlain....	India	Utica, N. Y.
" 1879—	Rev. Abraham R. Van Nest..	Penns'vania	Newark, N. J.
" 1880—	Rev. John A. De Baun.....	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
" 1881—	Rev. Isaac S. Hartley.....	New York	Hudson, N. Y.
" 1882—	Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll...	"	Schenectady, N. Y.

STATED CLERKS.

Rev. Cornelius Brouwer, appointed.....	1800
Rev. James V. C. Romeyn, "	1806
Rev. John M. Bradford, "	1812
Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, "	1818
Rev. John Knox, "	1820
Rev. Thomas M. Strong, "	1828
Rev. David D. Demarest, "	1862
Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, "	1871

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- Rev. John H. Livingston, D.D.,
Professor of Didactic Theology, etc., 1784-1825.
- Rev. Hermanus Meyer, D.D.,
Professor of Languages at Pompton Plains, 1784-91.
Lector in Theology, " " 1786-91.
- Rev. Solomon Froeligh, D.D.,
Lector in Theology at Hackensack, New Jersey, 1792-7.
Professor Didactic Theology, Hackensack, N. J., 1797-1822.
- Rev. Dirck Romeyn, D.D.,
Lector in Theology at Schenectady, N. Y., 1792-7.
Professor of Didactic Theology, 1797-1804.
- Rev. John Bassett, D.D.,
Professor of Languages at Boght, Schoharie Co., N. Y., 1804-12.
- Rev. Jeremiah Romeyn, D.D.,
Professor of Languages at Linlithgo, N. Y., 1804-6.
- Rev. John M. Van Harlingen, D.D.,
Professor of Languages and Eccl. History, Millstone, N. J., 1812-13.
- Rev. John Schureman, D.D.,
Prof of Eccl. History and Past. Theol. at New Brunswick, 1815-18.
- Rev. James S. Cannon, D.D.,
Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Past. Theol. *pro tem.*, New Brunswick, 1818-19.
- Rev. John S. Mabon, D.D.,
Professor of Languages, *pro tem.*, at New Brunswick, 1818-19.
- Rev. John Ludlow, D.D.,
Prof. of Bib. Lit. and Eccl. History, at New Brunswick, 1819-23.
- Rev. John De Witt, D.D.,
Prof. of Bib. Lit. and Eccl. History, at New Brunswick, 1823-31.
- Rev. Philip Milledoler, D.D.,
Prof. of Didactic and Polemic Theol., at New Brunswick, 1825-41.
- Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, D.D.,
Prof. of Eccl. Hist., Ch. Gov't, and Past. Theol., New Bruns., 1825-6.

- Rev. James S. Cannon, D.D.,
Prof. of Eccl. Hist., Ch. Gov't and Past. Theology, New Brunswick, 1826-52.
- Rev. Alexander McClelland, D.D.,
Professor of Biblical Literature at New Brunswick, 1832-51.
- Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D.,
Prof. of Didactic and Polemic Theology at New Bruns., 1841-61.
- Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D.,
Professor of Biblical Literature at New Brunswick, 1851-63.
- Rev. John Ludlow, D.D.,
Prof. of Past. Theol., Eccl. History and Ch. Gov't at New Brunswick, 1852-7.
- Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.,
Prof. of Past. Theol., Eccl. History and Ch. Gov't at New Brunswick, 1857.
- Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D.,
Prof. of Didactic and Polemic Theology at New Bruns., 1861-71.
- Rev. John De Witt, D.D.,
Professor of Biblical Literature at New Brunswick, 1863.
- Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.,
Prof. Past. Theol. and Sacred Rhetoric at New Brunswick, 1865.
- Rev. Abraham B. Van Zandt, D.D.,
Prof. of Didactic and Polemic Theol. at New Brunswick, 1872-81.
Emeritus Prof. of Didac. and Pol. Theol. at New Bruns., 1881.
- Rev. William V. V. Mabon, D.D.,
Prof. of Didactic and Polemic Theology at New Brunswick, 1881.

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DEPARTMENT AT HOPE COLLEGE.

- Rev. Cornelius E. Crispell, D.D.,
Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, 1867-79.
- Rev. Charles Scott, D.D.,
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- Rev. Theodoric Romeyn Beck,
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Albany.....	Rev. Rufus W. Clark.....	May, 1883
Arcot.....	“ John Scudder, M. D.....	“ 1883
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Bergen, South.....	“ William R. Duryee.....	“ 1884
Cayuga.....	“ Isaac S. Hartley.....	“ 1885
Geneva.....	“ H. P. McAdam.....	“ 1885
Grand River.....	“ Adrian Kriekard.....	“ 1883
Greene.....	“ Alan D. Campbell.....	“ 1883
Holland.....	“ N. M. Steffens.....	“ 1883
Hudson.....	“ William Smith.....	“ 1885
Illinois.....	“ Egbert Winter.....	“ 1885
Kingston.....	“ James Demarest, Jr.....	“ 1883
Long Island, North.....	“ Wm. H. De Hart.....	“ 1885
Long Island, South.....	“ C. L. Wells.....	“ 1883
Michigan.....	“ John W. Beardslee.....	“ 1884
Monmouth.....	“ Isaac P. Brokaw.....	“ 1883
Montgomery.....	“ R. R. Williams.....	“ 1885
Newark.....	“ W. H. Gleason.....	“ 1883
New Brunswick.....	“ E. T. Corwin.....	“ 1884
New York.....	“ Talbot W. Chambers.....	“ 1883
Orange.....	“ E. W. Bentley.....	“ 1884
Paramus.....	“ G. M. S. Blauvelt.....	“ 1885
Passaic.....	“ Saml. T. Searle.....	“ 1885
Philadelphia.....	“ T. X. Orr.....	“ 1884
Poughkeepsie.....	“ C. W. Fritts.....	“ 1884
Raritan.....	“ Wm. Bailey.....	“ 1885
Rensselaer.....	“ John B. Drury.....	“ 1885
Saratoga.....	“ J. Paschal Strong.....	“ 1883
Schenectady.....	“ Herman Vanderwart.....	“ 1883
Schoharie.....	“ Robert Doig.....	“ 1885
Ulster.....	“ C. Van Santvoord.....	“ 1883
Westchester.....	“ David Cole.....	“ 1883
Wisconsin.....	“ Cor. Kriekard.....	“ 1885

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Peter S. Danforth.....	May, 1884
William H. Van Orden.....	" 1884

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

William H. Crosby.....	" 1885
Henry Van Arsdale, M. D.....	" 1884

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Peter A. Voorhees.....	" 1885
Johnson Letson.....	" 1884

CATALOGUE OF MINISTERS AND CANDIDATES.

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Coe, Edward B., D.D.	42 West 52d St., New York	92
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Corwin, E. T., D.D.	Millstone, N. J.	91
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THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION, IN THE MADISON AVENUE REFORMED CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, N. Y., ON WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE, AT THREE O'CLOCK, P.M., AND CONTINUED ITS SESSIONS UNTIL WEDNESDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, AT SIX O'CLOCK, P.M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll, D.D., the President of the last General Synod, having removed from the bounds of the Reformed Church, the Adsector, Rev. William Ormiston, D. D., called the Synod to order, and offered prayer. He also preached the Synodical sermon in the evening, from Ephesians 3: 8, "The unsearchable riches of Christ."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived on the Second Day,—*Ministers*, S. L. Gamble. *Elders*, J. C. Schofield, J. B. Lovett, James Winnie.

On the Third Day.—*Minister*, Henry V. S. Myers.

On the Fourth Day.—*Minister*, John W. Reiner.

On the Sixth Day.—*Minister*, A. Mattice, succeeding M. B. Thomas. *Elders*, Wm. Bogardus, J. Overbaugh, in place of J. H. Snyder, John T. Van Iderstine in place of Alex. D. Hill.

On the Seventh Day.—*Minister*, Charles Scott.

EXCUSES.

Excused on the Fourth Day.—*Elders*, Jabez Harris, Wm. H. Van Orden.

On the Sixth Day.—*Elders*, Hiram Rowe, J. E. Bergen, Wm. H. Jackson, Wm. Terry, Richard Getman, J. H. Snyder, succeeded by J. Overbaugh, Martin E. Hendricks, Leopold Hague, Herman Schmidt, David Harvey, Alex. D. Hill.

On the Seventh Day.—*Ministers*, Wm. N. Todd, Lewis Francis, A. J. Hutton, Jas. Cruikshanks, J. Henry Whitehead. *Elders*, Elijah Dubois, J. H. Viele, Richard Van Vranken, James Hays, John R. Sutphen, H. P. Polhemus, Abm. Doremus.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. William R. Duryee was elected *President*; Rev. James Demarest, Jr. was elected *Adressor*; Rev. William H. De Hart and Rev. William R. Taylor were elected *Clerks pro tem*.

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last regular Session were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

PROFESSORATE.—*Ministers*, Cornelius Brett, A. P. Van Gieson, N. D. Williamson. *Elders*, Wm. H. Jackson, H. M. Rihl, M.D.

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ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate :

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in the James Suydam Theological Hall, at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 15, 1883, at 11 o'clock, and adjourned on Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock.

After prayer by the retiring President, Rev. James Demarest, Jr., D.D., the meeting was organized by the election of Rev. J. H. Suydam as President, and Rev. R. R. Williams as Clerk, *pro tem*.

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 Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. C. W. Fritts.
 Classis of Raritan.—Rev. Wm. Bailey.
 Classis of Rensselaer.—Rev. John B. Drury, D.D.
 Classis of Saratoga.—Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
 Classis of Schoharie.—Rev. Robert Doig.
 Classis of Ulster.—Rev. C. Van Santvoord, D.D.
 Classis of Westchester.—Rev. David Cole, D.D.

ELDERS AT LARGE.

Particular Synod of New York.—Wm. H. Crosby, Henry Van Arsdale, M.D.

The following Classes were not represented: Albany, Arcot, Grand River, Greene, Holland, Illinois, Michigan, Newark, Paramus, Philadelphia, Schenectady and Wisconsin.

The vacancies to be filled by the General Synod for the term of three years are Albany, Arcot, Bergen, Grand River, Greene, Holland, Kingston, South Long Island, Monmouth, Newark, New York, Saratoga, Schenectady, Ulster and Westchester.

Elder at Large from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick in the place of Peter A. Voorhees, deceased.

The following students have been in attendance during the past year:

Senior Class.

Wm. G. Baas,	George W. Scarlett,
Nathan Henry Demarest,	Edwin F. See,
Isaac Wm. Gowen,	John Stachli,
Abel H. Huizinga,	Abraham Stegeman,
Clarence Mather Perlee,	William Vaughan.

Middle Class.

Marion T. Conklin,	Joel Loucks,
Josiah E. Crane,	Frederick W. Ruhl,
Joseph P. Davis,	Wm. Schmitz,
Alfred H. Demarest,	Bastian Smits,
Charles S. Dutton,	George H. Stevens,
Gustavus Goebel,	Livingston L. Taylor,
Ernest Hundhausen,	Horace G. Underwood,
T. John Kommers,	J. Russell Verbrycke,
Garrett Wyckoff, Jr.	

Junior Class.

Theodore A. Beekman,	John Morrison,
Wm. L. Chamberlain,	Henry D. B. Mulford,
Wm. Stockton Cranmer,	Philip W. Pitcher,
John G. Fagg,	Daniel W. Skellenger,
Edwin Oscar Moffett,	J. H. Gillespie.

The Report of "The Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property," herewith transmitted, is of the most pleasant character, and calls for the devout thanksgiving of the friends of our Church.

The results of the examinations of all the classes were satisfactory.

The members of the Senior Class were unanimously recommended for their professorial certificates.

The closing exercises of the Seminary year were held in the Second Reformed Church on the evening of May 16th.

Addresses were delivered by Isaac Wm. Gowen, Abel H. Huizinga and Edwin F. See. Certificates were presented to the graduates by Professor Wm. V. V. Mabon, with tender parting words.

An eloquent address to the students was delivered by Rev. J. H. Suydam.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D.D., was chosen to address the students next year, and Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, D.D., as his secundus.

The Board passed an appropriate resolution in reference to the death of Peter A. Voorhees, Elder at Large from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Board unanimously recommend the Synod to enact that the oldest professor in service be styled the Dean of the Seminary, and that to him shall be intrusted the discipline of the institution according to such regulations as shall be agreed upon by the Faculty.

The following resolutions were also adopted, and ordered to be sent to the General Synod:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that a number of the Classes every year lose representation in this Board, through the removal of their representatives out of their bounds, General Synod be requested to authorize the Classes to fill such vacancies until the next session of General Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents suggest to the General Synod the propriety of making a new classification of the curriculum of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, arranging and naming the several studies according to a modern nomenclature.

Resolved, That the duties of the respective Professors or Departments be accurately defined according to the new classification.

Resolved, That we request the General Synod to appoint a Special Committee, who, after consultation with the Professors, shall prepare such a classification, and define the duties of each department, and report to the next General Synod.

Resolved, That the same committee be requested to consider the feasibility of a fourth year of study in the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. SEARLE, *Chairman*.

I. P. BROKAW,

WM. H. DEHART.

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, was received in printed form, together with the action of the Board of Superintendents in relation to it, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate. (See printed reports after the Minutes.)

A communication was received from the Consistory of the Church of Syracuse, inviting Synod to hold its next meeting in that Church.

A communication to the same effect was received from the Consistory of the First Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

A communication from the Elders of the Trinity Reformed Church, of Plainfield, to the Classis of Newark, on the subject of the forms for receiving Church members, and forwarded by the Classis, was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, with certain papers in reference to interference with the work of the Missionaries at Vellore, by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Overtures requesting dispensations were received from the Classes of Arcot, Bergen, New York, North Long Island and Paramus, and were all referred to the Committee on Overtures.

Nominations for members of the Board of Superintendents, and a member of the Council of Hope College, were received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication from the Classis of Wisconsin on the subject of Freemasonry was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from the Classis of New Brunswick, in reference to recording the dates of ecclesiastical and ministerial changes, was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from the Classis of Monmouth, in reference to classical representation in General Synod, was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An overture on the same subject from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick was received and referred to the same Committee.

A petition from Rev. N. D. Williamson, in reference to the heading of the Sabbath School column in the statistical tables, was received and referred to the same Committee.

A communication from the Classis of Michigan on the number of special assessments was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from the Council of Hope College, asking to have certain property transferred to it, and another relating to the repayment of a loan, etc., were received and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

A communication from the Board of Publication, in relation to changes in the Constitution of the Board, was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

A communication from the Professors of the Theological Seminary, in relation to their paper sent to the Synod last year, was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate, and subsequently transferred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

A communication from a Committee of the German Ministers of New York and vicinity, in relation to an improved hymn book was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

A communication was received from the Rev. Isaac S. De-mund, D.D., and also one from the Rev. John B. Steele, sending their greetings to the General Synod. By order of Synod answers were returned to these venerable fathers.

A communication was received from Rev. Professor John De Witt, D.D., in reference to a division of the labors of his department and an increase of teaching force in the Seminary, as necessary to Seminary progress; and was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Synod *resolved*, That the Stated Clerk have authority to print in the minutes as much of Prof. De Witt's communication as he may deem important for future reference.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF DIRECTION OF THE CORPORATION.

The following report of the Board of Direction, with the usual documents, was received and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, except those relating to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, which were referred to the Committee on those Funds, and the part relating to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Board of Direction of the Corporation respectfully report that during the year past, they have received:

From the executor of the estate of Mrs. Maria Van Antwerp, a bequest of two thousand five hundred and twenty-two $\frac{72}{100}$ dollars, for a Scholarship, to be called "The James Van Antwerp Scholarship;" and from the executor of the estate of Miss Jane Brinkerhoff, a bequest of five thousand dollars, for the education of pious young men for the ministry.

Under the resolution of Synod of last year (see Minutes, pages 59 and 62) to pay increased salaries, and certain deficiencies in Professors' salaries, "if it finds that it can be legally and consistently done," the Board respectfully state, that having received a communication from the Professors on the subject, they referred the matter to a Special Committee, who upon consultation with the counsel of Synod, made a report, which, after careful consideration, was unanimously adopted by the Board, and copies of which will be forwarded with this report.

We further add, that at a time when many of the learned institutions of the country are appealing to the public for endowments, thus calling the attention of the friends of every such body to its affairs, the Board has felt that its decision (in this matter) might be of great responsibility, as indicating for all future time whether its funds were to be administered in a short-sighted, scattering, though amiable manner, or to be kept inviolate, and so administered as to give permanence and increasing strength to its Seminary and other work, and

thus induce confidence in the minds of benefactors of the Seminary and of the Church.

We feel compelled to call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the income of the Disabled Ministers' Fund falls very far short of the sum required to meet the increasing demands upon it.

The Board, pursuant to the direction of the Synod, (Minutes, pages 178-9), made an assessment on each Classis of two cents per member for the expenses of the entertainment of General Synod, but they regret to say that returns have been received from less than one-half of the Classes.

The term of service of William Bogardus will expire at this meeting of the Synod.

As the Synod are already informed, our President, Gardner A. Sage, was removed by death in August last. The reference in our last report to his inestimable services in former years may be repeated now with increased emphasis. The obligations of the Church to him are very great.

Wm. Bogardus was chosen President *pro tem*.

THE WIDOWS' FUND.

This now amounts to \$59,226.19. The gifts from Churches and individuals during the year were \$1,623.02, and the annual payments of Ministers \$1,230. Annuitants have been paid from the income the aggregate sum of \$3,407.96. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM BOGARDUS, *President pro tem*.

T. W. CHAMBERS, }
JOHN LEFFERTS, } *Directors.*

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1883.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

*General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in account
with JOHN VAN NEST, Treasurer.*

1883.		Dr.	
May 12	To Cash paid annuities from Widows' Fund for 6 months ending 1st inst.		\$1,635 50
15	paid Rev. Wm. L. Moore, amount of principal sum paid into the Widows' Fund, now withdrawn		333 33
18	paid Appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund		2,250
20	paid salary of Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents and expenses		32 50
20	paid for printing Diplomas, &c., by order of Superintendents		46 75
22	paid Board of Education 6 months' interest on invested scholarships		3,534 77
22	paid Board of Education 6 months' interest on Parochial School Fund		378 40
24	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Chairman, &c., for purchase of books for G. Sage Library		126 23
25	paid amount of loan on bond and mortgage		31,000
29	paid C. Doesburg, Treas., interest on Hope College endowment		598 23
June 1	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, one quarter's salary due 1st inst.; also additional sum as per resolution of General Synod:		
	Rev. John DeWitt, D.D.	\$700	
	Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D.	700	
	Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.	700	
	paid Rev. Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D., for one quarter's salary due 1st inst.		2,100
	paid Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, D.D., expenses as Delegate to General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South		800
2	paid Rev. J. Howard Suydam, Delegate to the United Presbyterian General Assembly, Monmouth, Ill.		65 50
	paid for printing and distributing rules of the Widows' Fund		104 41
	paid traveling expenses, &c., of Western Delegates to Meeting of General Synod		35 79
	paid John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer of Rutgers College, one year's interest on donation of Col. Henry Rutgers of \$5,000, due June 20th, 1881		475
8	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., for services in the Theological Department after the death of Professor Van Zandt, per order of General Synod		250
10	paid on insurance of Peter Hertzog Hall		500
10	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for purchase of books for Sage Library		200
10	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for support, etc., Sage Library		218 35
10	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for salaries of librarians		25 90
15	paid Rev. Ch. Van der Veen, Delegate to General Assembly, Springfield, Ill.		250
15	paid additional payments to Western Delegates		18
20	paid amount of loan on bond and mortgage		60
24	paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod, and traveling expenses		3,500
30	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for support of Peter Hertzog Hall		110 50
	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod, and sundry expenditures		300
	paid insurance on Professors' residences at New Brunswick		265 30
	Amount carried forward		21 40
			\$49,235 86

1882.	Dr.	
	Amount brought forward	\$49,335 86
June 5	To Cash paid amount of loan on bond and mortgage	8,000
10	paid appropriation from Disabled Ministers' Fund	70
12	paid Rev. I. S. Hartley, D.D., Delegate to General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Canada	48
July 28	paid J. C. Benham, expenses of attending meeting of Council of Hope College as Synod member	53 50
Aug 3	paid amount of loan on bond and mortgage	26,000
	paid Board of Domestic Missions, proceeds of sales of "Hymns of the Church" for Church building fund	119 14
	paid Rev. Charles Scott, amount received for damage by fire at Hope College	51 21
	paid Board of Domestic Missions, interest on legacy of Mrs. Rachel Ryerson	250
	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for support of P. Hertzog Hall	800
	paid William H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for support of J. Suydam Hall	1,000
	paid William H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for support of G. A. Sage Library	135
	paid water tax of house No. 316 West 20th street	12
31	paid Rev. John De Witt, D.D., one quarter's salary, due September 1	600
Sept 1	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., one quarter's salary, due September 1	600
1	paid Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D., one quarter's salary, due September 1	600
1	paid Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D., one quarter's salary, due September 1	750
13	paid Hosford & Sons, for printing Treasurer's Report	9 75
25	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for repairs, etc., of Seminary building and grounds	1,000
25	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for repairs of P. Hertzog Hall	500
25	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., maintenance of G. A. Sage Library	500
29	paid John C. Ehmdendorf, Treasurer of Rutgers' College, one year's interest on donation of Col. Henry Rutgers of \$5,000, due June 20th, 1882	250
Oct 4	paid amount of loan on bond and mortgage	8,000
12	paid Mrs. Maria G. Warner (widow of Alexander H. Warner) from the Widows' Fund, principal sum repaid	500
13	paid John Ternhune, for printing catalogue for the Seminary	28 21
13	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., on account of professional residence	300
13	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for purchase of books for Sage Library	500
17	paid amount of loan on bond and mortgage on account	6,000
24	paid taxes on No. 316 West 20th street	156 40
Nov 8	paid annuities from the Widows' Fund for six months ending 1st instant	1,772 46
10	paid appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund for six months	2,575
15	paid Rev. Jacob West, D.D., amount withdrawn from the Widows' Fund	195
15	paid amount of loan on bond and mortgage	27,000
18	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., for support of Seminary buildings and grounds	500
18	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer pro tem., on account of professional residence	3,000
20	paid amount of loan on bond and mortgage, on account	4,000
20	" " " " " "	1,500
23	" " " " " "	27,000
23	" " " " " balance	8,500
23	paid Board of Education, interest on invested scholarships	2,500
23	" " " " " " parochial school fund	375
23	paid Professor C. Doesburg, Treasurer, interest on Hope College endowment	700
28	paid for insurance on James Suydam Hall	40
Nov 29	paid Insurance on James Suydam Hall	140
Dec 1	paid Rev. John DeWitt, D.D., one quarter's salary, due this date	600
1	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., one quarter's salary, due this date	600
	Amount carried forward	\$187,066 52

1882.		Dr.	
		Amount brought forward.....	\$187,066 53
Dec	1	To Cash paid Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D., one quarter's salary, due this date.....	600
	1	paid Rev. Wm. V. V. Mabon, one quarter's salary, due this date.....	750
	20	paid Insurance on buildings connected with Hope College, Michigan.....	93 50
	21	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, on account of Professorial residence.....	5,000
	21	paid W. H. Kirk, for support of Seminary buildings, &c.....	1,500
	21	" " " " Peter Hertzog Hall.....	300
1883.			
Jan	6	paid Insurances on G. A. Sage Library building, furniture and books.....	16 15
	6	paid Insurances on the furniture in Peter Hertzog Hall.....	17 53
	9	" " " " Suydam Hall.....	6 80
Feb	1	" " " " Professor Mabon's residence.....	12 50
	8	paid Board of Domestic Missions proceeds of sale of "Hymns of the Church," for Church Building Fund.....	92 58
	17	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, &c., for purchase of books for Sage Library.....	750
	17	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, &c., for support of G. A. Sage Library.....	250
Mar	1	paid Rev. John DeWitt, D.D., one quarter's salary, due this date.....	600
	1	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., one quarter's salary, due this date.....	600
	1	paid Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D., one quarter's salary, due this date.....	600
	1	paid Rev. Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D., one quarter's salary, due this date.....	750
	31	paid Commission for selling house 316 West 20th street.....	84
April	11	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, &c., for support of G. A. Sage Library.....	400
	14	paid Insurance on Professorial dwellings at New Brunswick, N. J.....	37 50
	25	paid Salary of Janitor of Peter Hertzog Hall and fuel.....	120
	28	paid amount of loan on bond and mortgage.....	6,000
	30	paid John Van Nest one year's salary as Treasurer of General Synod.....	\$2,000
		Stationary, postage stamps, &c.....	35
		Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., rent of box for one year.....	35
			2,070
30		This amount apportioned to the following funds as per resolution of General Synod, viz:	
		Widows' Fund, income.....	250
		Expense Account.....	446 15
		Education Fund, income.....	378 69
		Parochial School Fund.....	37 90
		Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	178 40
		Jas. Suydam Professorial Fund.....	201 01
		Hope College Endowment Fund.....	108 68
		Fund for support of Sage Library.....	117 23
		" " purchase of books for Sage Library.....	67 03
		" " support of P. Hertzog Hall.....	83 82
		James Suydam's legacy for erection of Professorial residence.....	67 03
		James Suydam's legacy for support and maintenance of J. Suydam Hall.....	67 03
		James Suydam's legacy for repairs and improvement of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J....	67 03
			\$2,070
20		To balance on hand carried to new account.....	13,863 31
			\$221,580 40

1882.		Cr.	
May	1	Balance from last account brought forward.....	\$38,358 34
	20	By cash received on account of bond and mortgage.....	10,000
June	3	received rent of real estate No. 316 West 20th street.....	126 67
	14	received from Garret Kouwenhoven for the endowment of Hope College, Holland, Michigan, income for support of said College.....	10,000
	29	received from Lawrence P. Bostwick and Ananias M. Cameron, executors of Mrs. Maria Van Antwerp, of New York city, the rateable proportion due on legacy of \$3,000, under the will of said decedent, unto the Board of Corporation of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, for the purpose of founding a scholarship, with the design of educating pious young men, training for the ministry in Rutgers College and the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, said scholarship to be denominated the "James Van Antwerp Scholarship".....	2,522 72
July	6	received from Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., contributions for Hope College Endowment.....	1,946 80
	14	received on account of bond and mortgage.....	2,000
	21	received in payment of principal and bond and mortgage.....	5,000
	26	received to be added to the principal of Disabled Ministers' fund.....	500
	26	received principal sum to the Widows' Fund, by clergyman.....	500
Aug	2	received from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., proceeds of sale of "Hymns of the Church," for the Church Building Fund.....	119 14
	4	received in payment of principal of bond and mortgage.....	7,000
	7	received from Home Fire Insurance Company, loss by fire at Hope College.....	51 21
	10	received from Jacob R. Borden, executor of estate of Mrs. Rachel Ann Ryerson, late of Paterson, N. J. Principal to be safely invested and income and interest of which is to be expended for the support of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church.....	2,000
		received also accrued interest thereupon.....	250
	23	received rent of real estate No. 316 West 20th street.....	164 53
	25	received excess of water tax on above repaid.....	2
	25	received in payment of principal of note.....	10,000
Sept	1	received " " " " bond and mortgage.....	10,000
	19	received rent of real estate No. 316 West 20th street.....	126 67
Oct	13	received from Wm. M. Prichard and Wm. H. Vredenburg, executors of the late Miss Jane Brinkerhoff, to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. To be kept invested and the income to be applied to the support and education of pious, indigent young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry in said Church, under the auspices of the Board of Education of said Church.....	5,000
		received principal sum to the Widows' Fund by clergyman.....	500
Nov	15	received in payment of principal of note.....	15,000
	16	received on account.....	5,000
	23	received for balance of note.....	10,000
	23	received for principal of note.....	10,000
	23	received for principal of bond.....	5,000
		" " " ".....	4,000
		" " " ".....	15,000
Dec	19	received from Wm. H. Miles, executor of Mrs. Eleanor Webb, late of New York City, to the General Synod for the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	3,152 43
1883.			
Jan	8	received principal sum to the Widows' Fund by Clergyman.....	500
Feb	1	received rent of real estate No. 316 West 20th street.....	142 12
	6	received from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., proceeds from sale of "Hymns of the Church," for Church Building Fund.....	92 58
Mar	14	received rent of real estate No. 316 West 20th street.....	105 95
	24	received principal sum to the Widows' Fund by Clergyman.....	500
	31	received from Mrs. Hetty Geagan, on account of sale to her of the property No. 316 West 20th street, in part payment of purchase price.....	3,150
April	4	received balance of cash consideration for above-named property.....	250
	4	received rent of real estate No. 316 West 20th street.....	61 33
	30	received from Rev. Giles H. Mandeville, D.D., contributions for Hope College endowment.....	1,015 17
	30	received from Reformed Church, Amity, N. Y., contributions for Hope College endowment.....	2 58
Amount carried forward.....			\$179,139 74

1883.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$179,139 74
April 30	By cash received during the year from the following, on account of sums pledged in behalf of the Classes, in Synod, June, 1878, for the payments of arrears of salaries of the Theological Teachers at Hope College, Mich., viz:	
	Classis of Grand River, on account.....	\$52
	Bergen, in full for balance.....	5
	North Classis of Long Island, in full for balance.....	10
		67
30	received from the following Classes during the year for contingent expenses of General Synod, viz.:	
	Classis of Philadelphia for 1881.....	\$11 82
	Geneva for 1881.....	36 68
	Holland for 1881.....	51 14
	Paramus.....	48 66
	Schenectady.....	38 89
	Orange, arrears.....	24 18
	Wisconsin.....	42 28
	Saratoga.....	26 16
	Grand River.....	29 77
	Greene.....	22 53
	Schoharie.....	18 46
	Raritan.....	57 59
	Cayuga.....	17 93
	Hudson.....	31 07
	South Classis of Bergen.....	29 42
	North Classis of Long Island.....	67 49
	Classis of Kingston.....	38 14
	New Brunswick.....	35 98
	Ulster.....	41 47
	Michigan.....	11 85
	South Classis of Long Island.....	59 34
	Classis of Passaic.....	33 81
	Holland.....	32 28
	Albany.....	46 82
	Westchester, 1881.....	35 61
	Bergen.....	35 86
	Poughkeepsie.....	35 35
	Montgomery.....	40 63
	Rensselaer.....	32 59
	New York.....	115 96
	Newark.....	41
	Monmouth.....	23 13
	Geneva.....	32 27
	Illinois.....	32 29
	Philadelphia.....	49 14
	Orange, on account.....	37 94
		1,365 53
	received from the following Classes during the year for special assessment, ordered by the last General Synod, viz.:	
	Classis of Paramus.....	61 26
	Schenectady.....	48 96
	Saratoga.....	32 94
	Grand River.....	37 48
	Greene.....	28 36
	Raritan.....	72 50
	South Classis of Bergen.....	37 04
	Classis of New Brunswick.....	45 30
	South Classis of Long Island.....	74 70
	Classis of Bergen, on account.....	25
	Montgomery.....	51 16
	Rensselaer.....	41 02
	Newark.....	51 62
	Monmouth.....	29 12
	Illinois.....	40 66
	Orange.....	62 06
		739 18
	Amount carried forward.....	\$181,311 45

1883.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward	\$181,311 45
April 30	By cash received for the Widows' Fund during the year, viz :	
	Lafayette Reformed Church, Fonda, N. Y.	10 50
	Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.	10
	" " Newtown, L. I.	8 67
	Rev. A. J. Beekman	5
	Mrs. D. A. Jones	5
	Interest on annual payment	1 30
	Reformed Church, Mount Vernon, N. Y.	15 40
	" " West Leyden, N. Y.	3
	" " Catskill	4 79
	First Reformed Church, Hudson, N. Y.	20
	Broadway Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.	13 89
	Reformed Church, Esopus, N. Y.	5
	Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J.	25 17
	Reformed Church, Locust Valley, L. I.	5 30
	Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N.J.	19 63
	Reformed Church, Stuyvesant, N. Y.	3 64
	" " Leeds, N. Y.	3 50
	" " Neshanic, N. J.	8 32
	" " South Bergen, N. J.	87
	" " Piermont, N. Y.	11 48
	Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N.J.	9 99
	First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.	20 43
	Prospect Hill Reformed Church, New York city.	15
	First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.	16 06
	Reformed Church, Holland, Neb.	8 13
	" " Yonkers, N. Y.	8 74
	St. Remy Reformed Church, Kingston, Ulster County, N. Y.	2 62
	Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I.	14
	" " Clarkstown, N. Y.	4 36
	" " Nyack, N. Y.	9
	Second Reformed Church, Kingston, N. Y.	6 67
	Reformed Church, Oyster Bay, L. I.	9 85
	" " Gravesend, L. I.	12 50
	" " West Farms, N. Y.	1 90
	" " Boonton, N. J.	2
	" " Franklin Park, N. J.	8 91
	East Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.	2 49
	First Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Mich.	9 65
	Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York city	47
	Reformed Church, Catsban, N. Y.	3 75
	First Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	16 74
	Henry L. Young, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	15
	Reformed Church, Sayville, L. I.	4 33
	Interest on annual payment	74
	Reformed Church, Middletown, N. J.	3
	" " Hopeworth, N. Y.	8
	Union Reformed Church, High Bridge, N. Y.	10
	North " " Newark, N. J.	50
	Collegiate " " New York City	122 40
	" " East New York, L. I.	8 96
	" " Belleville, N. J.	7 22
	" " Brighton Heights, S.I.	11 69
	" " Glenham, N. Y.	2
	" " Hagaman's Mills, N. Y.	6 95
	" " Int. on annual paym't	85
	Third " " Raritan, N. J.	6 50
	" " Kinderhook, N. Y.	41 56
	" " Mina, N. Y.	2 20
	Holland " " New York City	3 03
	First " " Albany, N. Y.	20
	" " Holmdel, N. J.	5 50
	" " Flatbush Mission, S. I.	3 11
	" " Colts' Neck, N. J.	3
	First " " Rotterdam, N. Y.	8 72
	Second " " Coxsackie, N. Y.	4 59
	" " Fulton, Ill.	13 50
	" " Tyre, N. Y.	3
	" " Hyde Park, N. Y.	8 88
	" " Amity, N. Y.	2 74
	" " Fultonville, N. Y.	4 25
	Amount carried forward	\$181,311 45

1883.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$181,311 45
April 30	By Cash received from First Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.....	7 55
	Reformed Church, Canajoharie, N. Y.....	5 12
	“ “ Wiltwyck, N. Y.....	2 56
	“ “ Niskayuna, N. Y.....	2 86
	“ “ Lisha's Kill, N. Y.....	2 16
	“ “ Lodi, N. Y.....	4 52
	St. Paul's “ “ Mott Haven, N. Y.....	10
	“ “ Metuchen, N. J.....	7 84
	“ “ College Point, L. I.....	11 15
	“ “ Napanock, N. Y.....	1 60
	St. Paul's “ German Evangelical Church, Ja- maica, L. I.....	2
	“ “ Church, Pascack, N. J.....	1 83
	“ “ New Durham, for 1882 and 1883, N. Y.....	36
	“ “ Fort Plain, N. Y.....	15
	German Evangelical Reformed Church, Brooklyn, E. D., L. I.....	5
	Reformed Church, Kiskatom, N. Y.....	9 63
	First “ “ Glenville, N. Y.....	10
	“ “ “ De Spelda, Mich.....	98
	“ “ “ South Bend, Ind.....	1 60
	First “ “ Long Branch, N. J.....	5
	Fourth Ger. Ref. “ “ New York City.....	10
	Interest on annual payment.....	84
	Reformed Church of the Clove, Ulster Co., N. Y.....	3 75
	34th St. “ “ New York City, N. Y.....	10 23
	“ “ “ New Hackensack, N. Y.....	2
	“ “ “ North Esopus, N. Y.....	3 09
	“ “ “ Wyckoff, N. J.....	1 50
	“ “ “ New Brooklyn, L. I.....	1 35
	“ “ “ Fort Miller, N. Y.....	4
	“ “ “ Scarsdale, N. Y.....	2
	“ “ “ Herkimer, N. Y.....	1 90
	“ “ “ Keyport, N. J.....	2 15
	“ “ “ Germantown, N. Y.....	5
	Ave. B German Evangelical Reformed Church, New York City.....	4
	Interest on annual payments.....	7 45
30	received from churches during the year, where \$90 of each amount is to apply to the credit of pastors, viz:	
	Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J., Rev. I. P. Brokaw, Pastor.....	\$20
	Reformed Church, English Neighborhood, N. J., Rev. A. B. Taylor, Pastor.....	20
	Knox Memorial Chapel, New York City, Rev. Abraham Thompson, Pastor.....	20
	Reformed Church, Flatlands, L. I., Rev. A. Du Bois Pastor.....	20
	Reformed Church, Catskill, N. Y., Rev. J. B. Thompson, Pastor.....	20
	Reformed Church, Zeeland, Mich., Rev. N. M. Steffins, Pastor.....	20
	Reformed Church, New Lots, L. I., Rev. N. Pearse, Pastor.....	20
	Reformed Church, Orange City, Iowa, Rev. A. Buursma, Pastor.....	20
	12th Street Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I., Rev. U. D. Gulick, Pastor.....	20 05
	First Reformed Church, Ghent, N. Y., Rev. C. Vander Veen, Pastor.....	10
	Reformed Church, Schraalenburgh, N. J., Rev. Rev. G. A. Seibert, Pastor.....	20
	Reformed Church, Jamaica, L. I., Rev. W. H. De Hart, Pastor.....	20
	First Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev. E. Winter, Pastor.....	20
	Reformed Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Rev. Jas. Huyssoon, Pastor.....	10
	Amount carried forward.....	\$182,304 42

1883.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$182,934 47
April 30	By Cash received from Rev. Henry De Vries.....	20
	A. G. Lansing.....	20
	Stephen Searle.....	20
	Wm. J. Leggett.....	20
	Charles S. Wright.....	20
	John Van der Meulen.....	20
	Elbert N. Sebring.....	20
	A. J. Sebring.....	20
	Thomas Walker Jones.....	20
	G. J. Nykerk.....	20
	W. E. Bogardus.....	20
	Christian Van der Veen.....	10
	John Seudder.....	20
	Wm. G. E. See.....	20
	M. F. Liebenau.....	20
	J. Howard Van Doren.....	20
	Asher Anderson.....	20
	E. Vedder.....	20
	Wm. P. De Jonge.....	20
	J. A. Lansing, D.D.....	20
	P. V. Van Buskirk.....	20
	Isaac Collier.....	20
	Wm. Pitcher.....	20
	B. C. Lippincott.....	20
	H. W. F. Jones.....	20
	J. N. Voorhis.....	20
	Daniel Lord, D.D.....	20
	James Wyckoff.....	20
	A. J. Beckman.....	20
	T. S. Doolittle, D.D.....	20
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.....	20
30	received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund during the year, viz.:	1,230
	Reformed Church, Nyack, N. Y.	20 87
	" Flatlands, L. I.	3 85
	Mrs. Francis M. Collier	10
	Reformed Church, Newtown, L. I.	8 68
	" Mount Vernon, N. Y.	15 41
	Park Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.	18 95
	Reformed Church, Woodstock, N. Y.	3 80
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York city, additional, N. Y.	20
	Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J.	11 97
	North Reformed Church, Marletown, N. Y.	2
	Reformed Church, Bergen Point, N. J.	30
	Lafayette Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.	10
	Reformed Church, Rosendale.....	1 75
	" " a member.....	25
	" " Bronxville, N. Y.	8 26
	" " Esopus, N. Y.	7
	" " Greenpoint, L. I.	15 66
	" " on Heights, Brooklyn, L. I.	74 51
	Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J.	25 17
	Reformed Church, Locust Valley, L. I.	5 30
	Deer Park Reformed Church, Port Jervis, N. Y.	12 30
	Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.	19 68
	Reformed Church, Kinderhook, N. Y.	36 98
	" " Fallsburgh, N. Y.	7
	" " Leeds, N. Y.	3 50
	" " Millbrook, N. Y.	6 76
	" " Jamaica, L. I.	15 71
	Broadway Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.	7 62
	South Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.	88
	Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.	9 99
	First Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa.....	15 45
	First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.	30 60
	Reformed Church, Owasco Outlet, N. Y.	9 50
	Middle Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.	40 87
	Prospect Hill Reformed Church, New York City.....	20
	Reformed Church, Warwick, N. Y.	15 19
	" " Yonkers, N. Y.	10
	Amount carried forward.....	\$184,164 47

1883.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$184,164 47
April 80	By Cash received from First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.....	16 06
	Reformed Church, Hageman's Mills, N. Y.....	3 35
	South Reformed Church, West Troy, N. Y.....	8 64
	St. Henry Reformed Church, Kingston, Ulster County, N. Y.....	2 57
	Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I.....	14
	" " Clarkstown, N. Y.....	4 36
	South Reformed Church, New York City, N. Y.....	79 85
	Reformed Church, Nassau N. Y.....	11 49
	" " Stuyvesant, N. Y.....	1
	" " Gravesend, L. I.....	12 50
	" " Fordham, N. Y.....	6 10
	" " New Prospect, N. Y.....	5 45
	" " Boonton, N. J.....	2
	" " Spotswood, N. J.....	3 63
	" " North Passaic, N. J.....	16 23
	" " Franklin Park, N. J.....	8 92
	" " Newtown, L. I.....	8 48
	" " North and South Hampton, Pa.....	2 50
	" " Utica, N. Y.....	16 79
	" " Fordham, N. Y.....	17 70
	Reformed Church, Catsban, N. Y.....	3 75
	Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York City, N. Y.....	47
	First Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	16 74
	Henry L. Young.....	15
	First Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill.....	5
	Reformed Church, English Neighborhood, N. J.....	15
	" " Flatlands, L. I.....	12 87
	" " Middletown, N. Y.....	5
	" " Sayville, L. I.....	3 54
	" " Hopewell, N. Y.....	5
	" " Harlem, N. Y.....	35 77
	Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, D.D., donation.....	100
	Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Mich.....	7
	" " Coxsackie, N. Y.....	3 50
	North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.....	50
	Union Reformed Church, High Bridge, N. Y.....	25
	Reformed Church, Lodi N. Y.....	11 12
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, N. Y.....	367 21
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York City N. Y., additional.....	10
	Reformed Church, South Holland, Ill.....	10
	" " Fonda, N. Y.....	10
	" " Marletown, N. Y.....	3 56
	" " East New York, L. I.....	8 90
	" " Brighton Heights, S. I.....	11 70
	" " Glenham, N. Y.....	1
	" " Hageman's Mills, N. Y.....	2 60
	" " Melrose, N. Y.....	10
	Third Reformed Church, Raritan, N. J.....	6 50
	Reformed Church, Middlebnsh, N. Y.....	5
	" " Flatbush Mission, L. I.....	3 28
	First Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y.....	20
	Reformed Church, Flatbush L. I.....	4 29
	" " Fulton, Ill.....	15
	" " Syracuse, N. Y.....	5 71
	" " Fultonville, N. Y.....	6 46
	" " Colts' Neck, N. J.....	3 09
	Fourth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	5
	Holland Reformed Church, New York City, N. Y.....	5
	Union Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.....	3
	Second Reformed Church, Coxsackie, N. Y.....	6 32
	Reformed Church, Tyre, N. Y.....	3
	" " Amity, N. Y.....	3 18
	" " Hyde Park, N. Y.....	5 63
	" " Aquackanouck, N. J.....	5
	First Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.....	5
	Retormed Church, Rocky Hill, N. J.....	2 67
	Amount carried forward.....	\$184,164 47

1883.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$184,164 47
April 30	By cash received from Reformed Church, Owasco, N. Y.....	6 90
	First Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.....	3 61
	North Reformed Church, Marbletown, N. Y.....	4
	Reformed Church, College Point, L. I.....	8 75
	“ “ South Bergen, N. J.....	1 22
	“ “ Napanock, N. Y.....	1 65
	St. Paul's German Reformed Evangelical Church, Jamaica, L. I.....	2
	Reformed Church, Canajoharie, N. Y.....	5 11
	“ “ Pasack, N. J.....	1 84
	“ “ New Durham, N. J., for 1882-3.....	36 43
	“ “ Fort Plain, N. Y.....	16 15
	German Evangelical Church, Brooklyn, E. D., L. I.....	5
	Reformed Church, Kiskatom, N. Y.....	9 63
	“ “ Glenville, N. Y.....	10
	“ “ De Spelder, Mich.....	98
	“ “ Chittenango, N. Y.....	6 21
	“ “ South Bend, Ind.....	1 75
	“ “ Long Branch, N. J.....	5
	“ “ Queen's, L. I.....	17 26
	German Evangelical Mission, New York city.....	10
	Fourth German Reformed Church, New York City.....	12 23
	Reformed Church, Catskill, N. Y.....	3 75
	“ “ of the Clove, Ulster County, N. Y.....	10
	Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church, New York City.....	3
	Reformed Church, New Hackensack, N. J.....	5
	First Reformed Church, Ghent, N. Y.....	20
	Reformed Church, Bergen Point, N. J.....	20
	Park Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.....	2
	Reformed Church, Norris, Ill.....	1
	“ “ New Brooklyn, L. I.....	4
	“ “ Fort Miller, N. Y.....	1 90
	“ “ Herkimer, N. Y.....	1 50
	“ “ Wyckoff, N. J.....	3
	“ “ Keyport, N. J.....	5
	“ “ Germantown, N. Y.....	3
	Avenue B German Evangelical Church, New York city.....	8 50
	Reformed Church, Helderberg, N. Y.....	
30	received for interest on Bonds and Mortgages, Notes, etc., during the year, viz: 1882.....	1,993 54
	May.....	\$1,942 09
	June.....	1,340
	July.....	1,494 16
	August.....	1,352 50
	September.....	2,333 56
	October.....	9,939 97
	November.....	1,125 01
	December.....	1,548 92
	1883.....	
	January.....	195
	February.....	1,697 50
	March.....	2,553 13
	April.....	9,900 55
		35,422 39
		\$221,580 40
May 1	By balance brought forward.....	\$13,863 31
	E. & O. E. NEW YORK, May 17th, 1883.	

The subscribers, a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN VAN NEST, Treasurer, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of thirteen thousand eight hundred and sixty-three dollars and thirty-one cents.

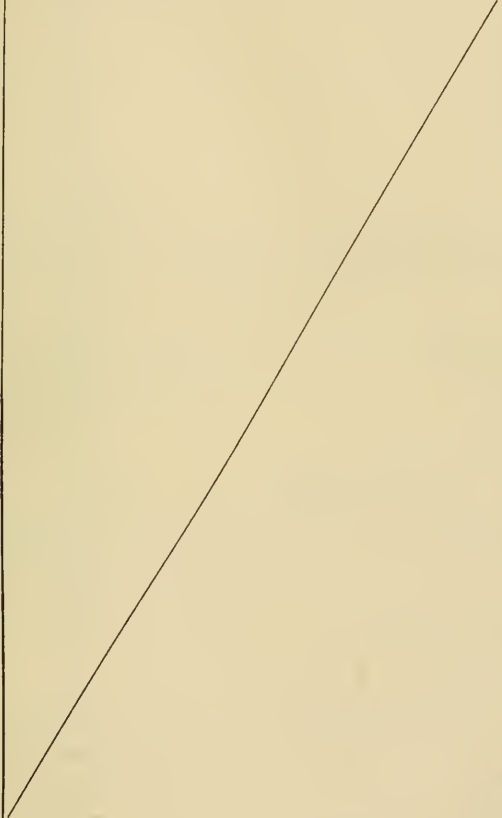
NEW YORK, May 2d, 1883.

WILLIAM BOGARDUS, }
JOHN LEFFERTS, } Committee.

*Dr.**Expense Account of the General Synod*

1882.		
May 20	To Cash, Paid Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, 1 year's salary and expenses...	\$52 50
	Paid for printing Diplomas and boxes for same, by order of the Board of Superintendents	46 75
June 1	Paid expenses of delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, South	65 50
2	Paid expenses of delegate to the United Presbyterian General Assembly, Monmouth, Ill.	104 41
	Paid traveling expenses of Western delegates to meeting of General Synod.....	475
10	Paid insurance on P. Hertzog Hall.....	200
15	Paid expenses of delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Ill.	18
16	Paid additional expenses of Western delegates to the meeting of General Synod.....	60
24	Paid salary of Permanent Clerk of General Synod for 1 year and expenses.....	110 50
30	Paid salary of Stated Clerk of General Synod for 1 year and expenses.....	265 30
July 1	Paid insurance on professorial dwellings at New Brunswick, N. J.	21 40
12	Paid expenses of delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Canada	48
28	Paid expenses of General Synod's member in attending meeting of Council of Hope College ...	53 50
Sept. 13	Paid for printing 175 copies of Treasurer's report.....	9 75
Oct. 13	Paid for printing catalogues for the Theological Seminary.....	28 21
1883.		
Jan. 6	Paid insurance on furniture in P. Hertzog Hall	17 53
Feb. 1	Paid insurance on professorial residence....	12 50
April 14	Paid insurance on professorial residences at New Brunswick, N. J.	37 50
25	Paid Janitor's salary for P. Hertzog Hall, and fuel.....	120
30	Paid apportionment of the salary of the Treasurer of General Synod for one year.	446 15
30	Paid salaries of the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., during the year, viz:	
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	2,500
	Rev. John De Witt, D.D.....	2,500
	Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D....	2,500
30	To balance on hand carried down.....	3,602 16
		<u>\$13,274 66</u>

*of the Reformed Church in America**Cr.*

1882.		
April 30	By balance from last account.	\$2,702 19
1883.		
April 30	By cash for arrears of salaries of theological teachers, Hope College.	67
	By cash received for contingent expenses.	1,365 53
	" " special assessment.	739 18
	" Profit and Loss on real estate.	403 93
	Received for interest on bonds and mortgages during the year.	7,991 83
		
1883.		
May 1	By balance on hand.	\$13,274 66
		\$3,602 16

E. & O. E.

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 1, 1883.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

IN THE

Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., May 1, 1883.

Van Rensselaer.....	\$1,700
Wm. Patterson Van Rensselaer.....	1,700
Rutgers.....	1,700
Heyer.....	1,700
Cornell.....	2,000
Wyckoff.....	2,500
Margaret Burgess.....	1,700
John Clark.....	3,000
James Bogart, Jr.....	2,000
Isaac L. Kip.....	1,700
Tannake Turk.....	1,700
Richard Cadmus.....	2,000
Stryker.....	2,000
Hornbeck. Two scholarships.....	4,000
Freeborn.....	2,000
Bequest of Nicholas Lansing.....	600
James Bogart, Jr. Second scholarship.....	2,000
Cuyler.....	2,000
Margaret Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Catalina Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Daniel L. Schanck.....	3,000
Moses Cowan.....	2,500
Bequest of Samuel Gates.....	1,745 98
Theodore Frelinghuysen De Witt.....	2,500
James Suydam. Four scholarships.....	12,000
Edward Lansing Pruyn.....	2,500
Maria R. Lefferts.....	8,402 64
Garret Y. Lansing.....	2,500
Ernest Blois.....	2,500
Bequest of Joshua Hornbeck.....	2,000
Bequest of Janet Hinchman.....	470
Bequest of Ann James.....	2,500
Gain on sale of Government Bonds.....	468 54
Bequest of James B. Laing.....	7,500
Louisa Hasbrouck.....	5,000
Jacob Polhemus.....	2,500
Abraham Storms.....	2,000
Gardner A. Sage. Two scholarships.....	5,000
Bequest of John Kline.....	500
Bequest of Maria Van Antwerp for James Van Antwerp. Scholarship.....	2,522 72
Bequest of Jane Brinkerhoff.....	5 000
<hr/> \$113,109 88	

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1883.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submits to General Synod its Annual Digest, as follows :

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted April 1st, 1883, to \$20,313 57
(Of which \$19,300 is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, \$1,000 is in real estate, and \$13 57 is uninvested.)

There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	1,258 90
Balance on hand April 1st, 1883.....	965 98
	965 98

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1883, to \$2,000
(Which is invested in bonds secured by mortgages.)

There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	75
	75

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1883....	\$113,109 88
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1883.....	3,419 68
	3,419 68

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1883.....	\$11,307 50
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1883.....	234 81
	234 81

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested for the General

Fund, on bonds secured by mortgages, etc.,

April 30th, 1883..... \$96,619 90

Also interest from Permanent Contingent Fund. 12 30

\$96,632 20

Fourth Professorial Fund..... 30,597 66

Thomas DeWitt Professorship..... 6,015

\$133,244 86Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of
which belong to Rutgers College.....

Amount of subscription to the Permanent Fund upon

which interest is received..... \$5,250

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND DEFICIT.

Amount due the Permanent Seminary Fund, April 30th,

1883, being for advances from that Fund, made under

instructions of General Synod, for salaries, completion

and repairs of dwellings, and for lectures, etc..... \$34,757 43

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, invested on bonds, secured by mort-

gages, etc., April 30th, 1883..... \$3,507 04

CENTENNIAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort-

gages, etc., April 30th, 1883..... \$605 18

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Bequest of Mrs. Rachel Ann Ryerson..... \$2,000

Accrued interest, April 30th, 1883..... 76 26

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort-

gages, etc., April 30th, 1883..... \$59,226 19

There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this

Fund, during the year..... 3,407 96

Balance on hand, April 30th, 1883..... 5,523 82

Amount withdrawn by subscribers..... 195

There has also been paid to a subscriber the principal sum of 333 33

Also to the widow of a subscriber a principal sum of..... 500

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1883.....	\$53,267 28
There has been paid out of the income of this Fund during the year, apportionments.....	4,895
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1883.....	<u>3,753 66</u>

DONATION OF COLONEL HENRY RUTGERS.

Amount of this Fund held in trust for Rutgers College....	\$5,000
Interest received on this Fund, not paid over.....	<u>250</u>

LEGACY OF ANN HERTZOG.

This legacy, the interest of which is to be applied to keeping in good order and repair the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1883.....		\$10,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1883.....		<u>98 33</u>

THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" ENDOWMENT FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1883.....	\$25,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1883.....	<u>735 34</u>

THE VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

This Fund is composed of ten bonds of \$1,000 each of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Co., on which no interest is received.....		\$10,000
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THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

There has been received for securing a library, including interest.....	\$53,642 43
And two Township Bonds.....	2,000
There has been paid to Hertzog Hall Committee.....	53,642 43
Balance on hand April 30, 1883, two Township Bonds....	<u>2,000</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF "THE GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY.

Amount of this Fund invested in bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30, 1883.....	\$35,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1883.....	<u>3,361 05</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY.

Amounts of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30, 1883.....	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1883.....	490 52

SPECIAL FUND FOR FULLY COMPLETING THE GARDNER A. SAGE LIBRARY BUILDING.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30, 1883.....	\$5,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30, 1883.....	617 07

THE "JAMES SUYDAM" PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages April 20, 1883.....	\$60,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30, 1883.....	706 12

THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE ERECTION OF A PROFESSORIAL DWELLING AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30, 1883.....	\$11,700
Accrued interest to April 30, 1883.....	13,944 90

THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE "JAMES SUYDAM" HALL.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30, 1883.....	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1883.....	1,032 58

THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30, 1883.....	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1883.....	766 18

HOPE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30, 1883	\$32,446 55
Balance of interest on hand April 20, 1883.....	808 80

PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY
AT HOPE COLLEGE, MICH.

Amount of this fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages. etc., April 30, 1883.....	\$5,291
Accrued interest to April 30, 1883.....	<u>1,272 09</u>

ARREARS OF SALARIES OF THE THEOLOGICAL TEACHERS
AT HOPE COLLEGE, MICH.

Received from Classes during the year on amounts pledged in General Synod, June, 1878.....	<u>\$67</u>
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ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages, bonds and notes amounting to.....	\$650,535 54
Railroad bonds.....	12,000
Township bonds.....	2,000
Cash in bank.....	13,863 31
	<u>\$678,398 85</u>

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD,

As reported by Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., Stated Clerk.

Dr.

Balance on hand as per last report	\$14 64
Received for Minutes through Classes.....	676 96
“ “ sold at the Synod Rooms.....	33
	<u>\$724 60</u>

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Paid for printing and distributing Minutes.....	\$700 17
“ binding Vol. XIV of Minutes.....	1 25
“ Portfolio for original MSS.....	1 50
“ Back numbers of Minutes for Archives.....	11 50
Balance on hand	10 18
	<u>\$724 60</u>

WILLIAM BOGARDUS, *President pro tem.*

JOHN LEFFERTS, }
T. W. CHAMBERS, } *Directors.*

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1883.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD,
MAY 1st, 1883.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

In accordance with the resolution of General Synod, I hereby forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1883.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Salaries of three Professors.....	\$7,200
Additional sum to be paid the same at the close of their year, June 1st prox., as per resolution of Synod, June, 1880, \$100 each.....	300
Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents and expenses.....	35
Salary of the Janitor of Hertzog Hall, and fuel.....	120
Salary of the Treasurer of General Synod apportionment....	450
Insurance on Hertzog Hall.....	225
Insurance on Professorial Dwellings.....	100
Sundries.....	200
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	\$8,630
Estimated Income for the year.....	\$7,500
Balance on hand, May 1st, 1883.....	3,602 16
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	11,102 16
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Estimated surplus.....	\$2,472 16

OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago.....	\$550
Traveling Expenses of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies....	250
Salary of Stated Clerk and expenses.....	270
Salary of Permanent Clerk and expenses.....	110
Expenses of Meeting of General Synod.....	100
Sundries.....	150
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Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes.....	\$1,430

JOHN VAN, NEST, *Treasurer.*

Dr. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30TH, 1883.

To bonds and mortgages and bonds and notes.....	\$664,535 54
To cash.....	13,863 31

\$678,398 85

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. Cr.

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30TH, 1883.

By Education Fund.....	\$113,109 88
Education Fund income.....	3,419 68
Parochial School Fund.....	11,542 31
Permanent Seminary Fund.....	133,244 86
Permanent Contingent Fund.....	3,507 04
Donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers.....	5,250
Widows' Fund.....	59,226 19
Widows' Fund income.....	5,523 82
Vedder Lecture Fund	10,000
Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	53,267 28
Disabled Minister's Fund income.....	3,753 66
James Suydam's Professorship of D. and P. Theology..	60,706 12
Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	10,098 33
Fund of the Theological Library at New Brunswick...	2,000
Hope College Endowment Fund.....	32,446 55
Hope College Endowment Fund income.....	808 80
Professorship of D. and P. Theology at Hope College..	6,563 09
Centennial Seminary Fund	605 18
Endowment Fund for the support and maintenance of the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	35,000
Income of above mentioned Fund.....	3,361 05
Special Fund for completing the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	5,617 07
Endowment Fund for purchase of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	20 000
Income of the above mentioned Fund.....	490 52
Gardner A. Sage Endowment for the support and main- tenance of P. Hertzog Theological Hall	25,000
Income of the above mentioned Fund.....	735 34
James Suydam's Legacy for the erection of a Profes- sorial dwelling at New Brunswick, N. J.....	11,700
Income of the above mentioned Legacy.....	13,944 90
James Suydam's Legacy for the maintenance and sup- port of James Suydam's Hall.....	20,000
Income of the above mentioned Legacy.....	1,082 58
James Suydam's Legacy for repairs and improvement of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Semi- nary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	20,000
Income of the above mentioned Legacy.....	766 18
Domestic Missionary Fund	2,076 26
Expense account.....	3,602 16
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	\$678,398 85

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report that the following papers have been referred to them :

Annual Report of the Board of Direction.
 Treasurer's Annual Account.
 List of Securities belonging to General Synod.
 Balance Sheet, also Annual Digest.
 List of Endowed Scholarships in the Theological Seminary.
 Education Fund Account.
 Education Fund Income Account.
 Parochial School Fund Account.
 Widows' Fund Account.
 Widows' Fund Income Account.
 Disabled Ministers' Fund Account.
 Disabled Ministers' Fund Income Account.
 Hope College Endowment Fund Account.
 Hope College Income Account.
 Estimate of expenses for the current year.
 Expense Account.
 Van Benschoten Fund Account.
 Knox Fund Account.

All the above documents were presented to Synod by the Board of Direction.

The Report of the Board of Direction shows that there have been received during the year, from the executor of the estate of Mrs. Maria Van Antwerp, a bequest of two thousand five hundred and twenty-two $\frac{72}{100}$ dollars, for a scholarship to be called the "James Van Antwerp Scholarship," and from the executor of the estate of Miss Jane Brinkerhoff a bequest of five thousand dollars, for the education of pious young men for the Ministry.

Thus have these sainted ladies respectively executed endearing monuments, connecting their names with the history of our Church, and at the same time helping pious young men to prepare to preach the unsearchable riches of our blessed Lord and Master.

The Board of Direction, in their report, say they feel compelled to call attention of the Synod to the fact, that the income of the Disabled Ministers' Fund falls very far short of the sum required to meet the increasing demands upon it.

Your Committee find upon examination that the fund invested, called the "Disabled Ministers' Fund," amounts to the sum of \$53,267.28, and that there has been paid out of same the last year \$4,895 for apportionments. Your Committee would urge the Synod to enjoin upon the several Classes in our denomination, in view of the above facts, to take such action as is called for in an emergency, such as this which is now presented in relation to this Fund, and recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the several Classes be requested at the earliest practicable time to take action upon this subject, and to urge the Churches within their bounds to make collections to increase the funds of the "Disabled Ministers' Fund," so that the same will produce an income to meet the increasing demands upon it.

In the report of the Board of Direction to this Synod we have the matter of assessment for the entertainment of General Synod referred to us, but in view of the action of Synod, at this session we regard that matter at present as disposed of, and therefore your Committee are discharged from any consideration of that part of the Report of the Board of Direction.

The following resolution, passed by the Council of Hope College on the 25th of April, 1883, has been referred to your Committee and reads as follows :

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to deed to Council all the lands and lots which lie *in* and *near* the city of Holland and are held by Synod in trust for Hope College.

Your Committee regret that the Council have not sent to Synod a statement in detail, so that Synod would fully understand what "lots *in* and *near* the city of Holland" Synod is asked to deed, and the reasons for such desired action upon the part of Synod. Your Committee are of the opinion that this should be done by the Council, so that Synod would be enabled to act intelligently in the matter. The Synod desires to act in harmony with the Council, and it is quite probable that the request of Council would be promptly complied

with, but with nothing before us but this resolution, we are constrained to recommend that no action be taken at present upon the resolution.

The attention of Synod is called by the Council to the condition of the Switz legacy. That matter was at Synod's session in 1882 referred to the Board of Direction, and your Committee feel the rights of all parties will be properly protected by that Board.

The Synod is requested to add accrued interest to the principal of the Fund for the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College.

As appears from the report of the Board of Direction, that Fund is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, and on April 30th, 1883, amounted to the sum of \$5,291. Accrued interest to same date, \$1,272.09. As there is no Professor attached to that chair at present, your Committee see no objection to the request, and would therefore report that they recommend that the request be granted, and that the Board of Direction adopt that course with the fund, if the same can be legally done.

Your Committee find in the Annual Digest of the Board of Direction a statement headed "Permanent Seminary Fund Deficit." Your committee, in view of the fact that any diversion of a trust fund from the will or expressed desire of the donor of the trust, tends to unsettle the faith of the people in the actual and inviolable devotion of funds to the purposes for which they are intended, have made some inquiries and examinations, and find that a large part of the amount represented in this item under discussion, is in fact represented by three professorial dwellings of large value. In view of all the facts, your Committee suggest that this item in the future reports in the Annual Digest shall not appear in such a manner as to have those who are unacquainted with the facts to think the Synod had heretofore made drafts upon the Permanent Seminary Fund, which were now lost, and could only be refunded by drafts upon the Church.

Your Committee have read with great care and have made diligent inquiry about all matters connected with the request made by the Council of Hope College in their communication presented to Synod and referred to your Committee, in relation to the \$5,000 borrowed by Council, and are prepared to advise that the request be granted in relation to all the sums of money

mentioned in the Council's communication, except the Aaron Clement Fund. That Fund, as a trust, should not be diverted as Council requests. The several amounts of \$1,046.20, \$226.18, \$50, and \$1,907.77, might properly be applied by the Board of Direction to apply in extinguishment of the \$5,000 indebtedness of Council. The Committee recommend that at present Synod take no further action, except to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be and hereby is authorized to discharge Council from the above indebtedness of \$5,000, upon Council's paying to the Board for Synod \$762.

In relation to the resolution sent down to Synod and referred to your Committee from the Classis of Michigan, urging Synod to call a halt in increasing special assessments, your Committee believe Synod never makes an assessment, special or otherwise, unless absolutely necessary, and hence calling the attention of Synod to the resolution, your Committee do not see any action is called for at present.

The following preamble and resolution have been referred to your Committee, and they recommend the passage of same:

Whereas, The title and the contents of page 16 of the Report of the Board of Direction do not correspond;

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod and the Secretary of the Board of Education be authorized and requested to revise the contents of the page so that it shall conform to the title, and to add any suggestions they may deem proper to give the best effect to a published list of our scholarships.

The attention of the Committee has been called to the resolution adopted by the last General Synod and found on page 59 of its Minutes, authorizing and directing the Board of Direction to pay to Professors Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest, for the then present year, the sum of three thousand dollars each, provided they find it can be legally and consistently done from funds not otherwise appropriated.

From the Treasurer's Annual Account, submitted to this Synod as part of the Report of the Board of Direction, it appears that the sum which has been actually paid to the professors above named is but \$2,500 each, and also that there is a balance on hand of \$3,602.16. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the attention of the Board of Direction is called to the resolution of the Synod of 1882, authorizing and directing them to pay to Professors Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest three thousand dollars each for the present year, and that they be urged to carry out the instructions of Synod thus given as soon as practicable, by paying to each of the above named professors the sum of \$500, in addition to the \$2,500 paid to each of them, provided they have on hand any funds which can be legally and consistently appropriated to such payment.

Concerning the salaries of the same professors for the present year, the Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the salaries of the Professors, Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest, for the present year, be \$2,500 each, payable quarterly, with a residence, and that the Board of Direction be authorized and directed to pay each of the said professors at the close of the year the sum of \$500 additional, or so much thereof as can be legally and consistently paid from funds in their hands not otherwise appropriated.

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,450 be apportioned among the several Classes, and be collected from them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. S. DANFORTH, *Chairman*.

Mr. William Bogardus was elected President of the Board.

Mr. Warren Ackerman was elected a member of the Board.

Mr. John Van Nest was elected Treasurer of General Synod.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Direction have power to purchase a suitable safe for the preservation of the papers and books that are needed for constant use.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The Synod has directed that its action of June, 1882, ordering an assessment of two cents per member to provide a Fund for the Entertainment of the General Synod, be suspended for the present, and

Whereas, A number of the Classes have already paid the amounts assessed upon them for the aforesaid purpose,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the General Synod be directed to place the amounts already paid in by certain Classes toward the Fund for the Entertainment of the Synod, to the

credit of the Classes who have paid such amounts, and apply the same toward meeting the assessments which may be laid upon the said Classes for the Contingent Fund of the General Synod.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received from the following corresponding delegates, viz: Rev. V. M. Hulbert, to the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; Rev. William Ormiston, to the Presbyterian Church in the United States; Rev. M. H. Hutton, to the Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church; Rev. Theodore W. Wells, to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America; Rev. N. M. Steffens, to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church; Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church of the Netherlands.

A letter was also received from the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church of the Netherlands, on the subject of Freemasonry, and the relations of that Synod with ours as affected by it, and also a copy of a letter addressed by said Synod to the seceding Holland Churches at the West, all which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The credentials of Rev. H. M. White, D.D., of Virginia, delegate from the Presbyterian Church in the United States, were presented and read. The Rev. Dr. White was received and addressed the Synod, and was welcomed by the President, and took his seat as corresponding member according to the arrangement with the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The credentials of Rev. William Wylie, of New York City, delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, were presented and read. Rev. Mr. Wylie was received and addressed the Synod, and was responded to by the President.

A communication was received from the Clerks of the "Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System," requesting the appointment of twelve delegates to the meeting of the Third General Council in Belfast, Ireland on Tuesday, June 24, 1884.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report :

The reports were received from the following corresponding delegates, viz :

Rev. William Ormiston to the Presbyterian Church in the United States ; Rev. Theodore W. Wells to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church ; Rev. V. M. Hulbert to the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America ; the Rev. N. M. Steffens to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church ; Rev. Manlius H. Hutton to the Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

All the delegates report a cordial reception, and a full and hearty expression of fraternal feeling, and the evidence that all the bodies to which they were commissioned are earnestly aiming to extend the cause of our common Master.

No letters have been placed in the hands of your Committee from the churches with which our Denomination is in correspondence.

A delegate from the Presbyterian Church in the United States is present in Synod, and has exchanged greetings.

Your Committee recommend the appointment of delegates to the "Alliance of the Reformed Churches of Presbyterial Order," to be held in Belfast, Ireland, June 24, 1884, as follows :

Ministers—Rev. T. W. Chambers, Rev. C. L. Wells, Rev. David Waters, Rev. Walter Scott Brown, Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, Rev. Joseph A. Harper.

Elders—P. S. Danforth, J. W. Ferdon, William Wood, T. R. Westbrook, Maurice E. Viele, W. H. Van Orden.

Resolved, That these delegates comprise a committee, with power to fill vacancies in their number.

The Committee also nominates herewith corresponding delegates to the churches with which we are in correspondence.

Your Committee have also considered the following papers :

1. The report of Rev. P. D. Van Cleef as delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands.
2. A letter from the Synod of the Christian Reformed

Church of the Netherlands in response to the letter of our delegate.

3. A copy of a letter from the same Synod to the Rev. L. J. Hulst, addressed to the seceding churches of the West, and bearing upon the same general subject.

These communications require the notice of our Synod in respect to two matters, viz: first, a deliverance of Synod on the question of Freemasonry, and, second, the continuance of friendly correspondence.

In respect to the first, your Committee do not feel called upon to give any expression, since the same subject matter is at present under consideration by another committee. But your Committee earnestly recommend a continuance of correspondence with the Christian Reformed Church in the Netherlands, and express the sincere hope that nothing may occur to sever the relation at present existing, nor ever to mar the common peace and harmony.

In conclusion your Committee would commend the course of Rev. Dr. Van Cleef, in the appropriate and judicious words addressed by him to the Synod in the Netherlands on the subject of Freemasonry, the same having been made necessary by his knowledge of facts bearing upon the relations of said Synod with that portion of our Church in the West inclining toward secession on this account.

J. HOWARD SUYDAM,
Chairman.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

*To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:—*Rev. Cornelius Brett, *Primarius*; Rev. William Smith, *Secundus*.

*To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:—*Rev. C. Van Santvoord, *Primarius*; Rev. Henry Vehslage, *Secundus*.

*To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church:—*Rev. John G. Smart, *Primarius*; Rev. C. E. Crispell, *Secundus*.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America:—*Rev. C. W. Fritts, *Primarius*; Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, *Secundus*.

*To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada:—*Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale, *Primarius*; Rev. C. S. Hageman, *Secundus*.

*To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:—*Rev. J. P. Strong, *Primarius*; Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, *Secundus*.

*To the Reformed (German) Church in the United States:—*Rev. John M. Wagner, *Primarius*; Rev. Nathaniel I. Rubinkam, *Secundus*.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, except the resolutions referring to a permanent committee, which were laid over to the next General Synod:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes of the Particular Synods, and find that for the year which has closed the following facts are disclosed regarding the condition of the Church:

I.—STATISTICS.

The total number of churches reported is 516, being a gain of 7 over last year; the number of ministers being 558, making a gain of 13. The total number of families reported is 44,506, being a net gain as compared with last year of 895. The Communion Roll shows 80,156, exhibiting an apparent loss of 11—a very striking anomaly when compared with the net gain of 895 families. This, however, may be accounted for by the revision which heavy communion rolls have undergone and the consequent excision of not a few honorary members. On comparing the actual loss and gain of the year, this becomes apparent at once. During the year 3,868 were received on confession of their faith, and 2,317 by certificate, making a total of 6,185, while the diminution by death and removal

was 3,302—thus showing a net gain of 2,883. This shows what the actual gain of the Church has been during the year which has closed. It tells us that the Church, instead of losing its members, has made satisfactory progress in the additions which have been made to its communion roll. The total number of pupils in the Sabbath Schools of the Church is 84,595, being a gain of 84, which, in the opinion of your Committee, is very much less than what has actually taken place.

Turning to the financial state of the Church, your Committee find that the sum of \$223,646 has been contributed for religious and benevolent purposes, being an increase of \$23,398. For congregational purposes the sum of \$873,820 is reported, being a decrease as compared with last year of \$28,548. For all purposes the Church has given (\$1,097,466) one million, ninety-seven thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ at home and abroad.

Striking an average for the whole Church, it is found that the contribution for all objects is at the rate of \$13.69 per member.

For the Particular Synod of New York, the average per member is \$15.13.

For the Particular Synod of Albany, the rate is \$12.90.

For the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, the rate is \$14.06.

For the Particular Synod of Chicago, the average is \$10.22.

II.—STATE OF RELIGION.

On taking a general view of the condition of the religious life of the Church, your Committee are strongly of opinion that there is not a little which is fitted to comfort and encourage the Church in doing the Master's work. As we have already seen, there is a decided increase in the number of congregations, ministers, families and communicants, while there has also been a marked increase in the amount contributed for the general work of the Church. This is abundantly manifest from the reports of the Synodical Committees on the State of Religion presented to the Particular Synods. From these, it appears that the Gospel is preached

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in its purity and with not a little power in the pulpits of the Reformed Church. Prayer-meetings are maintained in a state of vigorous efficiency—proving, as they always do, to be the very heart and life of the Church. Sabbath School work is carried on with earnest zeal, and a loving, prayerful interest for the welfare of the youth committed to the care of the great army of self-denying and faithful teachers. From these schools there come year by year not a few who take their places in the ranks of the militant host marching under the banner of the Captain of Salvation.

In some portions of the Church there have been marked quickenings of spiritual life, and many precious souls have been gathered from the world into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

While there is so much to be thankful for, there are some of our churches waiting for a blessing like unto that which their friends and brethren are enjoying.

Obstacles have to be overcome and opposition from engrossing worldliness, and the materialistic and skeptical spirit of the age met and conquered. There never was a time in the history of the Church when opposition to its progress was more bitter or more ably conducted than at present, but in the opinion of your Committee there never was a time when the Church was more earnest, zealous, or better prepared to meet that opposition than now. In that good work our own beloved Church is endeavoring, and not unsuccessfully, to do her own share in the great task of evangelizing the world and conquering it for Christ.

The following extracts from the Reports on the State of Religion, as presented to the Particular Synods, will bear out the truth of the statements which have been made.

In their report to the Particular Synod of New York, the Committee report in the following terms:

“They have carefully examined the reports which have been sent up by the various Classes, and are impressed with the spirit of hopefulness and courage which pervades them all.”

The Committee, in reporting to the Particular Synod of Albany, says:

“In reviewing all the reports of the Classes comprehensively, we are impressed with the tone of hope and spirit which

prevails. The year has been one of general advance. There is not so much of lament as in former years. We seem to be emerging from a period of spiritual dearth, and to be entering upon a brighter era. In answer to prayer, God is disclosing His power. The past has not exhausted Him. Hath He not 'the residue of the Spirit?' Let us look forward with confidence to the fulfillment of His pledge to His Son to whom He has consecrated this planet."

To the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, the Committee report as follows:

"While your Committee regret the incompleteness of the Classical Reports, they find cause for the deepest gratitude to the Heavenly Father because of the cheering character of the tidings they bring from every Classis. As we turn from one report to another, we find expressions of thanksgiving to God for the rich and manifold blessings of His grace, manifested either by abundant outpourings of the Holy Spirit to the conversion of sinners, and the edification of His people by the preservation of peace and harmony, and the gratifying prosperity of former years, or by that material success and growth which, through the enlargement or repairing and beautifying of sanctuaries, is so frequently the herald of the fulfillment of the promise God made to His ancient people, 'I will fill this house with My glory.'

"Several of the churches have been most signally favored and are still testifying of the Spirit's quickening presence and converting power. Among all the 130 churches reporting through the Classes to the Synod, there are only twelve which have not rejoiced over sinners brought from careless impenitence to faith in Christ."

The Synod of Chicago makes no general statements regarding the State of Religion, but simply prints the reports of the several Classes.

The Classis of Grand River says:—"This year was not such a year of trial as the preceding. Instead of losses in numbers and contributions, we have gained much." The Classis of Holland:—"This has been a year of quiet and rest." The Classis of Illinois:—"We are happy to report the organization of four new churches during the past year." The Classis of Michigan:—"The reports taken together give us a vivid impression. There are several indications of local dearth, and

death, that are very discouraging to our hopes of church establishment or extension." The reports of the Classis of Wisconsin are in general hopeful.

III.—NECROLOGY.

In the department of Necrology it is the duty of your Committee to record the death of several fathers in the Church, concerning whom it may be well said: "They have fought a good fight, they have finished their course, they have kept the faith." The following is the record of deaths for the year:

In the Particular Synod of Albany:

1. The Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, D.D., "who had the honor of being the oldest surviving minister of our denomination," being 92 years of age at the time of his death.

2. The Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D.; who had "long occupied a prominent place as a minister of the Reformed Church in which he was born and passed his whole ministerial life." He died in his 72d year.

3. The Rev. J. S. L. Tomb. "He was intent on doing good, and God's people were edified under his ministry." He entered into his rest in his 79th year.

4. The Rev. Matthias Lusk, in the 76th year of his age. On account of ill-health, Mr. Lusk retired from active pastoral work in 1848. Although set aside for such a long time from the active duties of the ministry, he proved himself to be "a loyal and steadfast follower of the Divine Master."

5. The Rev. Jacob H. Van Woert, died in his 60th year. "He filled well the several positions he held in the Church."

6. The Rev. Richard L. Schoonmaker, in the 72d year of his age. His varied gifts "made his intercourse with the people of his charge agreeable and his influence effective."

In the Particular Synod of New York:

1. The Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, who died while President of the Particular Synod of New York. His delight in his Master's service was a conspicuous quality. "No one who ever knew him would ever speak other than kindly words of him."

2. The Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, D.D.

3. The Rev. Harrison Heermance.

In the Particular Synod of New Brunswick:

1. The Rev. Marshall B. Smith, DD.
2. The Rev. Abraham Messler, D.D.
3. The Rev. William Pitcher, D.D.

IV.—CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Committee feel that there is abundant cause for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity with which our labors have been blessed. In all departments of church work there has been increased activity, which has been productive of much good. Souls have been saved, the despondent encouraged, and many hearts have been gladdened with the fulfillment of the Master's promise, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Verily, He has been with us, and our hearts have been made glad with the presence of the King, the Lord of Hosts. Shall we not go forward to the work of the coming year with renewed courage and a brighter hope, knowing that while it is our duty to labor, "It is the Lord that giveth the increase." It is for us to plant and to water; in his own good time there will be a blessed harvest-home when to Him shall the great gathering of the people be, and then "all nations shall call Him blessed." In that noble work of gathering the nations to Christ He has honored and blessed us in the past by giving no mean share of the world's evangelization to the Reformed Church in America. If we prove to be faithful to our Lord in the future, the blessing of the coming days will be yet more abundant than in the past.

Several papers have been referred to your Committee for consideration. After a careful examination of the suggestions contained in these documents, and of the facts already stated in this report, your Committee would beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

FIRST. *Resolved*, That the first and second resolutions of the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion for the past year be re-enacted. (Minutes, General Synod for 1882, vol. XV, page 71.)

SECOND. *Resolved*: 1. That the consistory of each church be directed to see that a statistical report, in accordance with the form provided in the constitution of the Reformed Church

in America, be presented to the Classis without fail at each spring meeting of the Classis, and in case the roll of members in any church has been revised, that fact shall invariably be stated.

2. That the stated clerks of the several Classes shall be directed to use their utmost endeavor to secure from each church a complete statistical report previous to sending the classical report to the Particular Synod, and in case they are unable to obtain such report, they be directed to insert opposite the name of each delinquent church the last report presented by such church with a foot note indicating the date of such report.

*[THIRD. *Resolved*: 1. That the Committee on the State of Religion be a permanent committee of this Synod.

2. That the Reports of the Particular Synods on the State of Religion, and the statistical tables be sent to the Chairman of the Standing Committee on the State of Religion by the stated Clerks of the Particular Synods, so soon as said reports shall be printed.]

DAVID WATERS,
Chairman of Committee.

*Laid over to the next General Synod.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	N. Y.
		Number of Families.	On Certificate.				Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.				
			On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total														
																	Rec'd.			
First, Albany	Vacant	240	10	6	23	7	486	12	4	1	1	457	\$4,806	\$7,300	Albany,					
Madison Ave.	W. R. Davis	220	11	44	2	6	302	5	2	2	2	1	450	3,877 06	28,545 70	Albany,				
Third, Albany	Vacant	132	23	6	6	2	228	22	6	1	1	40	1	306	258 66	2,961 55	Albany,			
Fourth, Albany	J. F. Neef	63	6	6	6	2	120	15	6	1	1	65	1	130	48	924	Albany,			
Holland, Albany	Henry K. Boer	80	18	1	5	2	132	6	1	1	1	70	1	123	238 94	1,173 65	Albany,			
First, Bethlehem	Wm. J. Skillman	140	1	1	1	5	219	2	2	1	1	4	1	330	.....	1,220	Albany,		
Second, Bethlehem	J. L. Pearse (s. c.)	90	3	6	6	1	200	3	1	1	1	50	1	100	218	1,245	Adams Station,			
Second, Berne	Vacant	77	8	1	1	1	149	1	2	1	1	1	1	80	11 98	485	Knox,			
Knox	Vacant	28	2	1	1	2	56	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	17 31	297	Knox,			
Clarksville	A. G. Lansing, S. S.	61	1	1	5	2	106	1	1	1	1	142	2	178	9 42	488 34	New Salem,			
Coccyans	H. P. Craig	95	4	6	2	3	161	1	1	1	1	131	1	131	253 68	1,374 47	Coccyans,			
Jerusalem	Edwin Vedder	93	2	2	2	2	126	2	1	1	1	1	1	150	30 99	661 93	Jerusalem,			
New Salem	A. G. Lansing	100	15	2	2	3	212	1	4	1	1	1	1	176	42 72	1,643 90	New Salem,			
Onisquetlaw	Edwin Vedder	750	1	1	1	1	64	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	16 79	343 70	Jerusalem,			
Union	A. C. Millsbaugh	50	1	1	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	25 43	709 78	Union Church,			
New Baltimore	A. M. Arcularius†	472	1	3	1	3	182	1	1	1	1	1	1	98	523 24	1,357 37	New Baltimore,			
Westerlo	Vacant	50	1	3	3	2	86	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	49 37	371 92	Westerlo,			
Total	Total	1641	103	72	59	2	2878	75	23	498	23	2894	\$10,117 49	\$51,103 21						

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Campbell, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. G. M. D. Slocum, Gloverville, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.

† Pastor elect.

† Last year's report.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Arcot	Moses Nathanael.....	34	5	...	...	...	1	41	12	2	...	15	121	6	45	46	Arcot, Madras Presidency, Ind.
Yelamur.....	"	137	6	...	...	...	...	54	12	10	...	...	...	...	95	17	"
Chittoor.....	Andrew Sawyer.....	29	2	1	1	1	47	47	2	3	93	4	1	70	75	1	Chittoor, "	
Kottapalli	"	83	9	...	...	...	6	93	10	9	341	98	2	...	14	1	"
Arnee.....	Zechariah John.....	19	2	1	1	1	20	20	1	17	...	...	...	...	18	9	Arnee, "
Vellambi.....	"	33	7	2	2	2	50	50	2	8	...	15	4	...	17	4	"	
Marutuvambadi.....	"	14	4	...	...	...	2	23	10	4	...	...	...	...	4	3	"
Madanapalle.....	Jacob Chamberlain, M.D.....	125	3	...	...	...	2	64	3	3	90	274	5	430	95	14	Madanapalle, "
Palamanar.....	"	10	2	...	...	...	9	9	...	...	20	2	1	31	17	8	"
Vellore.....	Jared W. Scudder, M.D.....	72	7	19	12	...	4	119	10	1	132	16	3	287	157	11	Vellore, "	
Coonoor.....	"	85	5	1	9	...	3	130	11	5	200	...	...	1	305	89	"
Kandiputtur.....	"	96	11	...	...	...	1	118	15	11	107	71	5	365	9	6	"
Sekadri.....	"	88	8	1	...	...	1	104	11	8	83	54	3	307	9	2	"
Kattupadi.....	Abraham William.....	143	10	...	...	...	4	224	20	10	30	139	8	148	20	4	"
Tindivanam.....	John H. Wyeckoff, (s.c.).....	16	2	5	2	...	1	30	3	2	67	1	1	125	53	4	Tindivanam, "	
Aliendal.....	"	31	2	...	...	...	4	42	8	1	7	21	2	137	5	8	"
Gnanodiam.....	"	67	3	6	3	...	3	90	5	...	...	...	5	301	14	6	"
Kalakam.....	"	20	...	...	...	...	...	32	3	...	34	16	2	82	7	8	"
Narasanganur.....	"	59	5	2	...	...	1	74	6	6	70	79	2	220	12	2	"
Orathur.....	"	112	47	1	...	...	5	126	29	41	155	57	6	414	23	14	"
Sattambadi.....	"	78	18	2	...	...	1	101	22	13	110	53	9	323	53	4	"
Varikkal.....	"	41	26	2	...	...	4	54	13	18	75	14	3	162	6	6	"
Total.....	Total.....	1393	182	45	42	29	31	1645	198	142	1072	1052	72	3859	739	12	4973	

Other Ministers.—John Scudder, M.D., in charge of Arnee Station; John W. Conklin, in charge of Chittoor Station; Lambertus Hekhuis, M.D., in charge of Arcot Station.
 Candidates.—Catechist, Pant Bailey.
 A rupee is worth fifty cents.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized	Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.			Adults.	Number of Chil- dren.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
English Neighborhood.	A. B. Taylor.	32	4	4	4	2	3	30	2	1	60	\$100 54	\$500	Ridgefield.	N. J.				
First, Hackensack.	Theo. B. Romeyn.	150	4	4	4	2	3	288	9	1	200	1,500	4,000	Hackensack.	"				
Schraalenbergh.	George Seibert.	100	3	2	7	1	4	191	6	6	100	397 44	2,513 21	Schraalenbergh.	"				
New Durham.	Wm. H. Seudder.	84	2	7	1	2	2	155	5	2	175	800	1,839 74	Weehawken.	"				
Park Ref. Jersey City.	J. Howard Suydam.	193	14	10	13	5	2	287	4	3	200	437 75	6,980 79	Jersey City.	"				
First, Hoboken.	Isaac E. House.	51	9	5	2	2	78	10	1	1	210	665 81	1,465 08	Hoboken.	"				
North Bergen.	John Justh.	57	10	4	4	3	78	9	1	1	200	1,114 36	Weehawken.	"					
Second, Hackensack.	Vacant.	90	2	3	3	2	168	2	1	110	115	700	Hackensack.	"					
Third, Hackensack.	Louis Goebel.	68	15	1	1	4	104	44	1	130	74 75	392 68	Hoboken.	"					
German Evan., Hoboken	Leopold Mohr.	80	3	3	6	3	517	235	1	1	750	1,355	4,482 46	Closter.	"				
Closter City.	P. V. Van Baskirk (s.c.)	65	5	3	2	4	110	1	1	90	135	47	1,400	Fort Lee.	"				
Pulaski.	F. M. Bogardus.	40	3	3	2	4	50	6	1	25	100	60	1,075 24	Guttenburgh.	"				
Guttenburgh.	Chas. S. Wright.	135	1	1	1	129	1	5	5	100	1	33 69	527 69	Jersey City.	"				
Central Ave., Jersey City	Vacant.	38	2	20	66	30	66	66	1	60	43 78	900	Cherry Hill.	"					
Seaucanus	James E. Graham.	57	20	62	44	1	37,281	338	881	19	3283	\$3,872 79	\$30,186 40	Cherry Hill.	"				
Cherry Hill.	James E. Graham.	57	20	62	44	1	37,281	338	881	19	3283	\$3,872 79	\$30,186 40	Cherry Hill.	"				
Spring Valley.	James E. Graham.	57	20	62	44	1	37,281	338	881	19	3283	\$3,872 79	\$30,186 40	Cherry Hill.	"				
Total.	Total.	1210	152	62	44	1	37,281	338	881	19	3283	\$3,872 79	\$30,186 40	Cherry Hill.	"				

Other Ministers.—Wm. R. Gordon, Manhasset, L. I.; Charles Parker, 332 South Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wm. C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland Co., Va.; Jas. H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	On Certificate.		Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen.....	Cornelius Brett.....	210	15	9	7	...	9	299	12	4	225	200	2	400	\$1,241 59	\$6,884 96	509 Bergen Ave., Jersey City.	
First, Jersey City.....	Wm. Westerfield, S. S.....	100	1	...	2	...	1	160	6	...	30	84	1	137	730 16	3,369 73	116 Mercer St., Jersey City, N. J.	
First, Bayonne.....	Wm. W. Knox.....	76	4	8	9	...	3	218	10	1	2	353	244 66	2,987 82	Bayonne,
Sec'd Jersey City, [First Van Vorst].....	Paul D. Van Cleef.....	120	4	...	11	...	4	212	7	...	90	120	1	143	1,053 42	4,286 73	288 Barrow St., Jersey City "	
Bergen Point.....	Henry W. F. Jones.....	130	1	4	11	1	7	192	8	1	90	115	1	165	1,275	4,150	Bergen Point, "	
Second, Hudson City.....	C. Doepenschmidt, P. E.....	70	27	1	...	...	7	200	81	...	...	23	1	400	149 15	1,307 30	5 Cambridge Ave., "
Lafayette.....	Wm. R. Duryce, (s. c.).....	92	3	8	5	...	3	188	16	...	125	150	1	200	620	4,046	233 Pacific Ave., "	
Greenville.....	P. T. Pockman.....	68	2	19	4	1	1	128	3	...	50	40	1	190	193 36	1,962 18	Greenville, "	
Free, Jersey City.....	Henry Mattice.....	90	6	3	5	5	1	95	20	1	110	40	1	115	117 12	2,348 50	251 Fourth St., "	
Third, Bayonne.....	Carl F. A. Klein, S. S.....	30	10	...	5	...	1	87	13	1	80	7	1	55	...	600	Bergen Point, "	
South Bergen.....	Vacant.....	57	...	...	5	...	...	87	...	...	100	102	1	181	42 41	...	...
First Ger. Evan. J. C.....	Vacant.....	50	45	3	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	225	...	...
	Total.....	1093	118	55	64	7	32	1891	176	8	900	881	15	2564		\$5,666 87	\$33,086 98	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Prof. in Theological School, Tokio, Japan; Rev. Alex. H. Young, Greenville, N. J.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Communicans.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Canastota*.....	Supplied†.....	36						57				1	1	80	.....	.....	Canastota, N. Y.
Cicero*.....	Supplied†.....	70						117				1	1	90	.....	.....	Cicero, " "
Chittenango*.....	C. Otis Thatcher.....	68						117				1	1	115	.....	.....	Chittenango, " "
Naumburg*.....	Peter Möling.....	35						89							.....	.....	Naumburg, " "
New Bremen.....	Peter Möling.....	10						35							.....	.....	Naumburg, " "
Owasco.....	Robert H. Barr.....	137	2	1	2		4	136	1			2		150	.....	.....	Owasco, " "
Wasco Outlet*.....	Charles Anderson.....	40						70				1		75	.....	.....	Auburn, " "
Syracuse.....	Evart Van Slyke.....	170	2	12	3		2	288	5	1		300		300	\$800	\$6,700	Syracuse, " "
Thousand Isles*.....	Isaac S. Hartley.....	50						80				1		130	.....	.....	Alexandria, " "
Christ Church, Utica.....	John M. Reiner.....	107	7	3			3	176	2			.....		137	591 24	6,753 05	Utica, " "
West Leyden*.....	Total.....	25						60				.....		20	.....	.....	West Leyden, " "
		748	11	16	5			9 1098	8	1		300	10	1097	\$1,391 24	\$13,453 05	

Other Ministers.—Rev. George Rockwell, 592 E. 140th St., New York; Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Tokio, Japan; Rev. J. Henry Enders, City Missionary, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. Jas. M. Compton, (s.c.), Lenox, N. Y., supply of Lenox and Ridgville Presbyterian Churches.
 *Rev. J. W. Whitfield.
 †Rev. J. A. Strail.
 **Last year's report.

**Rev. E. C. Lawrence, P. E.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Abbe Church.....	D. J. De Bey.....	60	9	2	...	...	1	126	5	...	139	53	1	\$89 93	\$925 83	Clymer, Chautauqua, N. Y.
Arcadia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	East Newark, Wayne, "
Cato.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cato, Cayuga, "
Caroline.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clymer.....	M. Van Doorn.....	87	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	68	40	1	127 97	760	Clymer, Chautauqua, "
Dunkirk.....	J. W. Te Winkle.....	15	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	Dunkirk, Chautauqua, "
East Williamson.....	.....	108	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,514 39	E. Williamson, Wayne, "
Fair Haven.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fair Haven, Cayuga, "
Farmer Village.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Farmer Vill., Sen. Co., "
Geneva.....	Wm. H. Nasholds.....	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,653 29	Geneva, Ontario Co., "
Lodi.....	Thomas C. Strong,†.....	82	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	Lodi, Sen. Co., "
Marion.....	H. P. McAdam.....	145	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,269 72	Marion, Wayne Co., "
Mina.....	Matt. Kolyn.....	124	4	11	6	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	987 50	Lodi, Sen. Co., "
Pulneyville.....	P. G. M. Bahler.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 53	Mina, Chautauqua Co., "
Rochester.....	Peter DeBruyn.....	75	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	566 78	Pulneyville, Wayne Co., "
Tyre.....	S. T. Cole.....	203	8	6	3	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,431 45	Rochester, Monroe Co., "
.....	.....	40	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	405 82	Malcom, Seneca Co., "
Total.....	Total.....	1061	44	36	25	3	25	1882	84	9	385	398	12	\$1,212 20	\$12,753 29	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. Whitbeck (s.c.) Ithaca, N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Boehrer, Colporteur Am. Tract Society, No. 579 Carroll St., Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renckers, Emeritus pastor, Clymer, Chautauqua Co.; Rev. A. B. Veenhuizen, Williamson, Wayne Co. N. Y.

†Stated supply.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
			On Confession	On Certificate.													
Detroit.....	George Niemeyer.....	30	4	6	3	..	..	42	3	..	52	20	1	\$17	\$387 97	Detroit, Mich.
Fremont Centre.....	Vacant.....	150	42	8	1	9	154	26	..	..	310	150	1	918 80	2,692 98	Fremont Centre, Mich.
First Grand Haven.....	Henry E. Dosker.....	60	6	7	4	..	117	6	..	..	180	100	1	218 07	2,383 29	Grand Haven, Mich.
Second Grand Haven.....	Chr. Van der Veen (s.c.).....	350	25	39	20	2	5 580	64	..	..	800	220	1	1,276 76	5,838 38	Grand Haven, Mich.
Third Grand Rapids.....	Nicholas H. Dosker.....	168	9	17	9	1	4 218	28	..	..	504	159	1	518	2,692	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Fourth Grand Rapids.....	Adrian Kreikard.....	58	23	24	..	..	..	88	10	..	188	82	1	49 87	678 27	Grandville, Mich.
Grandville.....	Peter DePre.....	55	7	3	..	3	68	17	..	..	150	60	..	114	400	Grandville, Mich.
Kalamazoo.....	William P. DeJonge.....	136	15	7	2	..	254	19	..	..	450	105	1	781 08	1,537 49	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Montague.....	Vacant.....	315	23	12	1	2	353	76	1	1033	250	1	275	760	2,694	Montague, Mich.	
Muskegon.....	Jacob Van der Meulen.....	45	7	1	1	..	70	5	..	..	65	..	..	30	500	Muskegon, Mich.
Polkton.....	Herman Borgers.....	27	7	2	..	1	45	2	..	..	72	30	1	3 15	190 82	Coopersville, Mich.
South Haven.....	Gerrit Dangrenmond.....	118	11	6	2	1	3 120	30	..	..	410	140	2	305 75	1,230 25	South Haven, Mich.
Spring Lake.....	James F. Zwemer.....	24	2	4	..	..	39	4	..	..	95	48	1	85	630	Spring Lake, Mich.
Twin Lakes.....	Gerrit Dangrenmond.....	1536	181	132	47	6	27 2148	290	1	4309	1364	13	2130	\$5,080 48	\$30,765 45	South Haven, Mich.	
	Total.....																

Other Ministers.—Rev. Mannes Kiekintveld, Holland, Mich., disabled through ill health; L. J. Hulst, deposed, Grand Rapids, Mich.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
First Athens.....	H. Van Derwart.....	90	9	5	4	...	3	150	1	4	57	...	1	175	\$228 50	\$1,388 88	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens.....	Vacant.....	20	31	16	8	...	6	437	6	4	203	150	3	325	854 07	3,874 45	Athens, "
First Catskill.....	John B. Thompson.....	250	3	4	...	...	2	*212	2	1	38	50	2	120	131 73	3,146 87	Catskill, "
First Coxsackie.....	Bergen B. Staats.....	100	12	2	13	...	6	287	7	5	67	...	1	200	450 93	2,395 24	Coxsackie, "
Second Coxsackie.....	John H. Salisbury.....	134	5	4	...	1	6	198	6	2	64	...	3	125	352 89	719 35	Coxsackie, "
Kiskatom.....	Geo. J. Van Neste.....	86	5	1	3	...	1	98	3	...	60	75	2	105	106 50	1,141 51	Kiskatom, "
Leeds.....	C. P. Ditmars.....	62	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Leeds, "
Total.....	Total.....	742	60	32	28	1	24	1412	25	16	489	275	12	950	\$2,124 62	\$12,666 30	

Other Ministers.—Maurice G. Hansen, New Brunswick, N. J.; Benjamin Van Zandt, (s.c.) Catskill, N. Y.; Sanford W. Roe, Cairo, Greene Co., N. Y.
 *Revised List.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	On Confession				Total now in Com- munion.		Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and benevolent Purposes.	Charitable Purposes.
			Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.											
Beaverdam.	John Brock.	42	5	7	1	84	17	17	70	1	75	\$56 19	\$480 35	Beaverdam, Ottawa Co., Mich.			
Cleveland*.	L. Dykstra.	60	8	30	24	140	12	12	60	2	100	321 75	900	45 Linden St., Cleveland, Ohio.			
Drenthet.	Vacant.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Drenthet, Ottawa Co., Mich.
East Overysselet.	Vacant.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Overysel, Allegan Co., "
Ebenezer.	Josias Moulendyk.	55	..	..	..	8	114	6	75	1	65	49 20	335 51	Holland, Ottawa Co., "
Fynsart†.	Vacant.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	E. Saugatuck, Allegan Co., "
Grafschap†.	Vacant.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Grafschap, Allegan Co., "
Holland, 1st†.	Nicholas M. Steffens, S. C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Holland, "
Holland, 3d.	Dirk Brock.	110	3	8	13	7	205	19	350	1	260	367 05	160 65	Holland, "			
Jamestown.	John Van Der Meulen.	61	3	9	1	5	102	9	1	85	1	115	244 50	1,751	Forest Grove, Ottawa Co., "		
North Holland.	Balster Van Ess.	130	9	17	2	3	165	28	180	1	209	385 75	1,529 64	North Holland, "			
Overysselet*.	Gerrit J. Nykerk and Peter Lepeltak.	192	17	10	17	3	448	40	560	2	350	209	1,188	Overysel, Allegan Co., "			
Rotterdam.	John Hoekje.	30	2	35	3	..	15	1	20	576 21	1,497 09	Overysel, Allegan Co., "		
Saugatuck.	Vacant.	8	16	..	2	70 45	258 81	258 81	Cawker City, Mitchell Co., Kan.		
Vriesland.	Vacant.	59	1	4	..	66	6	6	60	1	80	103 67	721 89	721 89	Saugatuck, Allegan Co., Mich.		
Zabriskie.	Vacant.	Vriesland, Ottawa Co., "		
Zeeland*.	John Kremer†.	140	15	4	2	4	300	19	..	250	1	250	517 56	2,009 43	Hamilton, Allegan Co., "		
Total.	Total.	887	61	86	65	3	1675	161	1	910	1165	12	1524	\$2,861 38	\$9,832 37	Zeeland, Ottawa Co., "	

Other Ministers—Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr.; Rev. Wietse Lubach, Holland, Mich. * Revised list. † No reports possible, because records are in the hands of seceders. ‡ Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Hudson.....	William Smith.....	236	12	3	8	5	1	3	476	3	1	1	1	300	2,860 77	5,776 50	Hudson, N. Y.	
First, Claverack.....	William J. Leggett.....	110	11	9	4	3	5	3	235	8	3	3	3	160	171 13	2,138 10	Claverack.	
Second, Claverack.....	Arad J. Scribner.....	200	11	4	7	4	7	4	187	5	5	2	2	300	539 85	1,631 10	Mellenville,	
Lanithgow.....	Thos. S. Dunsinberre, (s.c.)	90	3	1	4	4	4	4	114	1	1	1	1	80	200	1,653 35	Livingston,	
Greenport.....	William D. Perry.....	86	3	1	3	3	3	3	197	1	1	1	1	173	550	2,150	Hudson,	
Germantown.....	James Wyckoff.....	108	1	6	3	3	3	3	174	3	1	1	1	120	75	1,166	Germantown,	
Upper Red Hook.....	Ezekiel C. Scudder.....	90	1	2	8	3	3	3	162	1	1	1	1	120	390 81	3,230 16	Upper Red Hook,	
West Copake*.....	James C. Garretson.....	80	5	4	5	4	4	5	105	9	2	93	1	106	44 88	1,016 06	West Copake,	
Gallatin.....	William H. Todd.....	77	2	2	2	4	4	4	158	1	1	30	1	75	137 15	727 80	Mt. Ross,	
Livingston Church.....	George Le Fevre.....	56	4	4	5	3	4	35	3	4	32	1	62	38 72	858 82	Lanithgo,		
[At Lanithgo.]	Total.....	1123	42	30	41	1	1	1	1843	29	918	375	188	14	1396	4,998 31	20,348 49	

Other Ministers.—John S. Himrod, Hudson, N. Y.
*Formerly Taghkanic.

*Revised List.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Confession		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
			Rec'd.	On Confession															
Fair View	John S. Joramson (s.c.).	114	3	3	2	2	3	180	8	2	180	.....	.....	3	180	\$207 68	\$1,688	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill.
First Pekin	Edward P. Livingston..	40	3	1	1	1	1	61	3	.....	140	.....	30	1	140	45	1,003 27	Pekin, Fulton Co., Ill.
Spring Lake	Frank A. Force	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	1	30	.....	85 67	Manito, Mason Co., "
Raritan	Albert A. Pfanstiehl....	51	4	7	5	.....	4	131	1	1	100	.....	.....	1	100	100	990	Raritan, Henderson Co., "
Bushnell	George Sharpley	51	3	3	8	.....	.....	61	4	2	108	.....	.....	1	108	50	700	Bushnell, Marion Co., Iowa.
First Pella	Egbert Winter	190	39	3	12	1	5	304	32	2	305	688	140	3	305	630 12	2,556 46	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Havana	William B. Gilmore	28	6	3	1	.....	.....	31	.....	2	113	.....	.....	1	113	24 91	583 86	Havana, Marion Co., Ill.
Second Pella	Gerrit Huyser, P. E.	50	1	.....	.....	.....	12	109	32	1	260	.....	.....	1	260	60	550	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Third Pella	Francis Rederus	117	12	5	5	.....	.....	130	.....	.....	130	.....	.....	1	130	170	1,304	Pella, Marion Co., "
Otley	Evert Westing	56	5	9	2	.....	2	33	11	.....	2	.....	.....	2	2	3	381	Otley, Marion Co., "
Belthel	"	28	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	15	516	Pella, Marion Co., "
Orange City	Ale Buursma	214	10	16	52	3	7	340	63	.....	793	375	.....	1	200	390	4,313 75	Orange City, Sioux Co., "
Norris	Samuel A. Bumstead S.S.	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18	50	100	Norris, Fulton Co., Ill.
Norwood Park	DeWitt G. Rockafeller..	50	5	5	.....	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	74	28	600	Norwood Park, Cook Co., "
Irving Park	Vacant	80	5	2	4	.....	.....	57	6	3	170	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Irving Park, Cook Co., "
*Parkersburg	K. B. Weiland	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	130	.....	.....	Parkersburg, Iowa.
Second Pekin	J. E. Terborg	30	21	.....	1	.....	.....	60	18	.....	70	.....	15	1	100	10	300	Pekin, Ill.
Alton	J. W. Warnshuls	119	10	40	4	2	4	196	26	.....	280	130	.....	1	146	71 65	1,299 58	Alton, Sioux Co., Iowa.
West Branch	James De Pree	55	8	9	5	1	1	99	21	.....	213	111	.....	.....	.....	61 62	769 77	Sioux Center, Sioux Co., "
Manito	Frank A. Force	21	.....	1	2	.....	.....	26	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	100	.....	212 98	Manito, Mason Co., Ill.
Washington	Paul F. Shulke	46	7	3	.....	.....	.....	43	15	.....	60	25	.....	1	85	30	1,440	Ackley, Butler Co., Iowa.
Dakota	H. W. Warnshuls	24	10	6	1	.....	2	52	6	1	63	18	.....	1	73	5	300	Lennox, Lincoln Co., Dakota.
Turner	"	18	15	4	.....	.....	.....	31	6	3	16	12	.....	1	45	5	.....	"
North Orange	"	15	1	34	.....	.....	.....	35	2	.....	60	40	.....	1	40	.....	420	"
Marion	" .....	.....	17	1	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
Banner	" .....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
Total	Total	1537	183	155	123	6	12	2170	262	15	2243	1026	.....	29	2587	\$2,016 98	\$20,533 84	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, Ill.; Rev. A. J. Betten, Orange City, Iowa; Rev. Seine Bolks, Emeritus, Orange City, Iowa.

*Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.		COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
				Rec'd.	On Certificate.		On Confession	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized	Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.		No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religions and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Bloomingdale.....	Vacant.....	70	5	1	1	1	116	8	5	55	96	1	128	\$14 90	\$462 90	90 Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.					
The Clove.....	Wm. H. Vroom.....	150	10	2	8	4	213	11	4	212	75	2	280	190 21	1,817 22	High Falls, "					
Dashville Falls.....	Vacant.....	43	15	1	1	1	142	4	1	98	85	4	115	6 36	323 14	Rifton Glen, "					
Guilford.....	C. E. Lasher.....	100	7	2	2	6	97	4	1	185	50	1	175	30 80	1,290	Gardiner, "					
Hurley.....	DeWitt B. Wyckoff.....	75	5	3	1	2	142	3	1	137	182	1	112	153 50	1,128 48	Hurley, "					
Kingston, Second.....	S. D. Noyes, P. E.....	141	1	1	8	5	321	8	1	137	182	1	268	257 49	3,165 83	Kingston, "					
Krumville.....	Paul T. Deyo.....	54	13	1	1	2	97	11	3	50	40	1	80	11 27	450	Sansomville, "					
Lyonsville.....	Vacant.....	50	8	1	1	1	90	3	4	50	60	1	71	65 36	940 46	Lyonsville, "					
Marbletown.....	V. M. Hulbert.....	85	8	2	10	8	219	3	1	365	145	6	246	48 33	332 34	Stone Ridge, "					
Marbletown, North Ch.....	V. M. Hulbert.....	56	1	3	2	1	112	1	1	35	60	6	385	378	2,005 46	New Paltz, "					
New Paltz.....	A. Vennema.....	260	1	3	2	3	434	9	3	182	6	3	100	82	1,673	Accord, "					
Rochester.....	John B. Church.....	140	8	2	1	3	182	6	3	18	40	1	80	30 18	317 71	Rosendale, "					
Rosendale.....	Vacant.....	90	3	5	1	2	94	3	3	75	40	1	80	30 18	317 71	Creek Locks, "					
St. Remy.....	Vacant.....	37	1	1	1	1	75	3	3	18	40	1	80	30 18	317 71	Creek Locks, "					
Total.....	Total.....	1315	62	25	50	40	2395	70	21	1060	933	28	2120	1,357 50	15,106 56						

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Liebenau, Rosendale, N. Y.; Rev. J. Ferguson Harris, (s.c.), Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Philip Peltz, Emeritus, Coeymans, N. Y.; Rev. James Demarest, Jr., Belleville, N. J.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.	On Certificate.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.		No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
			On Confession	Rec'd.														
Jamaica.....	Wm. H. De Hart.....	150	7	3	10	...	4	279	8	1	...	...	1	112	\$691	\$2,867 42	Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown.....	Chas. I. Shepard.....	95	1	...	8	...	2	199	9	...	...	...	2	235	11,374 06	2,571 98	Newtown,
Oyster Bay.....	Vacant.....	100	5	5	5	...	5	126	7	1	...	...	1	116	178 51	2,055 51	Glen Head,
North Hempstead.....	Abram I. Martine.....	71	4	3	3	...	2	94	4	1	...	...	2	151	132 96	1,790 45	Manhasset,
Williamsburgh.....	Elbert S. Porter.....	*200	...	...	...	...	...	450	...	...	...	...	3	800	...	...	Brooklyn, E. D.
Astoria.....	M. L. Haines.....	104	9	3	5	...	4	230	19	...	...	119	1	280	707 77	3,413	Astoria,
Flushing.....	O. E. Cobb.....	107	8	7	1	...	4	232	3	1	...	90	1	160	583 57	4,600	Flushing,	
Greenpoint.....	Lewis Francis.....	222	54	4	10	1	10	429	6	19	...	...	3	1022	917 98	5,724	143 Noble St., Brooklyn,
South Bushwick.....	George D. Hulst.....	150	11	25	6	...	1	260	4	3	...	...	1	650	310	3,850	15 Himrod St.,
Second Astoria.....	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.....	95	18	1	1	...	4	259	44	1	...	...	1	175	100	900	Astoria,
East Williamsburgh.....	Vacant.....	30	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	35	1	90	117 37	142 17	Queens,
Queens.....	Andrew Hageman.....	100	9	3	5	...	1	140	9	4	...	140	2	287	546 05	3,120 48	Queens,	
German Ev., Brooklyn.....	John M. Wagner.....	280	39	2	2	...	15	453	65	...	...	380	2	780	533 70	3,560 32	Graham Av., B'klyn,
Sayville.....	G. Van Immerick.....	43	5	2	4	...	1	82	1	...	...	21	1	140	26 02	584 72	Sayville,
Locust Valley.....	Vacant.....	*55	...	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...	1	100	...	...	Locust Valley,
College Point.....	Herman C. Berg.....	78	18	5	2	...	1	125	15	...	...	...	1	175	192 34	2,246 61	College Point,
Laurel Hill.....	Vacant.....	447	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	1	85	...	...	Long Island City,
First Ref., L. I. City.....	Ernest Gutweller.....	39	5	...	...	...	...	37	8	...	...	...	1	105	...	750	Brooklyn, E. D.,
Bushwick.....	Vacant.....	316	58	10	3	...	9	462	17	92	...	...	1	1200	308 93	8,403 26	Brooklyn, E. D.,
German Ev., Jamaica.....	Henry Frech.....	50	10	6	...	...	...	157	6	...	...	9	1	63	37	1,479 71	Jamaica,
Jericho.....	Vacant.....	*22	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	1	40	...	...	Jericho,
Total.....	Total.....	2354	261	73	71	1	63	4142	225	53	...	819	29	6766	\$16,777 26	\$49,569 63		

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Alliger, New York City; Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.) New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John Wenisch, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Wm. Ferris, 220 South Fifth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Report of 1881.

*Last year's report.

†Revised.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.	On Confession		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Brooklyn.....	David N. Vanderveer...	182	12	3	3	12	3	319	6	3	121	2	621	\$4,882 44	95 Livingston St., B'klyn, N.Y.		
Flatbush.....	C. L. Wells.....	115	3	5	8	5	235	4	4	.....	200	1	330	6,425 39	Flatbush, Kings Co., "		
" Mission.....	Vacant.....	55	1	1	1	1	35	3	3	.....	178	1	80	178 76	" " " "		
New Utrecht.....	Alfred H. Brush.....	100	4	7	2	1	6	239	4	2	100	3	330	753 28	New Utrecht, " "		
Gravesend.....	A. P. Stockwell.....	120	4	2	2	9	204	17	9	.....	125	2	195	693 53	" " Gravesend, "		
Flatlands.....	Vacant.....	80	5	1	2	3	187	9	9	.....	196	2	271	497 57	" " "		
New Lots.....	Nicholas Pease.....	70	2	1	2	1	175	7	7	.....	50	1	160	611 97	East New York, " "		
East New York.....	Daniel Van Pelt.....	80	1	1	8	1	111	5	1	.....	200	1	325	356 19	" " "		
South Brooklyn.....	Alfred D. W. Mason.....	*62	3	5	2	2	*67	1	5	.....	75	1	272	19 28	" " "		
Middle ".....	Wm. H. Ford (P.E.).....	100	8	16	27	10	500	14	1	.....	376	2	1402	915 37	1059 3d Av., Brooklyn, "		
12th St. ".....	U. D. Gulick.....	220	42	38	27	17	650	32	12	.....	376	2	1402	10,780 03	257 12th St., " "		
North ".....	Alex. R. Thompson.....	65	16	2	4	3	82	8	3	.....	42	2	450	8,345 12	180 Clermont Av., " "		
Ch. on Heights, B'klyn.....	Alfred J. Hutton.....	110	30	3	15	9	382	4	5	.....	25	1	300	102 60	165 Hicks St., " "		
New Brooklyn.....	Jacob Weber.....	110	20	1	3	1	310	17	15	.....	150	1	240	8,584 80	772 Herkimer St., " "		
Bedford.....	Walter T. Griffin.....	172	29	28	1	1	213	15	4	.....	7	1	60	14 51	674 Bedford Av., " "		
Second, Flatbush.....	C. H. Schwarzbach.....	52	11	.....	1	1	94	16	13	.....	7	1	60	17	Flatbush, Kings Co., "	
Canarsie.....	Conrad Diekhaut.....	24	9	.....	1	2	60	13	17	.....	40	1	58	25	East New York, " "	
St. Thomas, West Indies	Anson DuBois, S. S.....	40	18	.....	2	2	112	6	6	.....	40	1	58	25	St. Thomas, W. I.	
Total.....	Total.....	1757	218	107	113	3	76,389	241	30	.....	1714	25	5399	\$24,857 50	\$69,504 15		

Other Ministers—Revs. John A. Lansing, 430 Gates Av., Brooklyn; Jacob West, 34 Vesey St., N. Y.; John M. Ferris, 31 Vesey St., N. Y.; Daniel Rapel, ye, Amoy, China; Robert G. Strong, (s.c.) Flatbush, L. I.; John M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Jacob Whitehurst, Bethany Chapel, 104 Willoughby St., Brooklyn; David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.			On Certificate.					Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.		No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
		On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.													
Centreville.....	Alonzo P. Peeke.....	82	4	4	...	...	1	162	40	...	1	170	\$74 92	\$1,319 19	Centreville, Mich.	
Constantine.....	J. W. Beardslee, (s.c.)...	75	7	5	...	...	1	132	20	...	3	250	203	1,341 75	Constantine, "	
De Spelder.....	E. W. Borden, S.S.....	25	1	...	...	...	2	20	1	...	1	70	12 27	95	Ridgeway, "
Grand Rapids.....	Peter Moerdyke.....	87	19	19	5	2	...	249	173	110	1	960	167 10	1,938 87	Grand Rapids, "			
Hope, 2d Holland ..	T. Walker Jones.....	56	...	...	...	...	1	93	62	...	*	215	121 60	1,110 29	Holland, "
Macon.....	John A. DeSpelder.....	46	1	1	...	...	3	63	74	...	...	...	48 07	420	Macon, "
Porter.....	Vacant.....	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Newberg, "
South Bend.....	N. Dubois Williamson..	41	2	...	...	...	3	63	22	...	2	342	158 50	895 36	South Bend, Ind.
South Macon.....	John A. DeSpelder.....	35	...	1	...	...	...	32	51	...	1	80	79 56	312	Macon, Mich.
	Total.....	459	34	82	13	2	11	786	483	110	12	1562	\$868 02	\$7,432 46				

Other Ministers.—Rev. Charles Scott, D. D., President of Hope College, Holland, Mich.; Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, D. D., Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich. *Union. †Old report.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.				COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Rec'd.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.			
First, Freehold	Theo. W. Wells (s.c.)	100	6	5	1	3	1	2	8	199	4	97	80	155	135	1	155	\$462 87	\$3,212 45	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J.	
Holmdel	William Reiley	90	4	1	1	2	183	2	92	60	100	100	1	100	100	1	100	284 03	1,366 31	Holmdel, " "	
Spotswood	Cyril Spaulding*	740	4	2	1	67	67	3	30	25	3	120	3	120	120	1	120	113 05	1,005	Spotswood, Middlesex " "	
Middletown	Charles D. Buck	43	4	2	2	214	3	3	83	75	150	150	1	150	150	1	150	811 28	2,387 75	Middletown, Monm'th " "	
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	101	2	5	5	1	4	220	6	105	30	2	250	250	1	250	153 75	4,431 40	Freehold, " "		
First Long Branch	Charles J. Young	114	8	5	8	1	2	98	2	28	13	130	130	1	130	130	1	130	112 35	1,047 50	Long Branch, " "
Keyport	Elias Mead	53	4	2	2	2	188	2	105	76	2	105	76	2	105	76	2	105	171 01	1,048 83	Keyport, " "
Colt's Neck	George W. Labaw	110	6	1	1	32	1	5	18	10	1	83	101	1	83	5	19	Colt's Neck, " "			
Highlands	Abraham W. Allen	40	1	1	1	72	1	2	33	101	1	33	101	1	83	5	19	Highlands, " "			
Asbury Park	William H. Balogh	71	4	4	1	1	62	1	19	101	1	33	101	1	157 07	\$424 14	Asbury Park, " "				
Second, Long Branch	Wm. H. Piranet, S. S.	36	3	3	1	1	62	1	19	101	1	33	101	1	47 49	1,232 19	E. Long Branch, " "				
Total	Total	798	41	40	3	21	1417	25	635	435	16	1359	435	16	\$2,017 91	\$16,174 57					

*Pastor elect.

†Last year's report.

‡Revised List.

§Exclusive of Pastor's Support.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Garret C. Schanck, Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Ransford Wells, Marlborough, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J., Superintendent of Public Instruction.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

JUNE, 1883.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Certificate.	On Confession	Dismissed.		Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.		
Auriclesville.	F. M. Kip, Jr., S. S.	45	6	7	2	3	1	5	208	41	1	1	1	200	1	68	\$40 37	\$523 65	Auriclesville, N. Y.	
Canajoharie.	Peter A. R. Williams	142	6	7	2	3	1	5	208	9	3	1	1	200	1	200	240	2,300	Canajoharie, "	
Columbia	Richard W. Wessels	105	1	1	2	1	1	4	83	...	...	...	...	100	2	160	167 26	1,610 82	Columbia, "
Craneville.	Vacant.	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47 65	...	Craneville, "
Currytown.	John Minor.	36	1	1	2	4	1	1	54	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	...	...	Rural Grove, "
Ephratah.	Rufus M. Stanbrough.	85	1	1	2	4	1	1	140	...	...	...	...	...	1	50	...	...	Ephratah, "
Florida.	Richard A. Pearse.	72	2	2	2	2	3	124	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	100	109	502 94	1,700 Minaville, "
Fonda.	John A. De Baun.	214	15	3	2	2	7	414	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	300	502 94	3,749 59	Fonda, "
Fort Plain.	Denis Wortman	163	2	1	4	4	4	192	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	175	401 79	2,611 50	Fort Plain, "
Fort Herkimer.	Vacant.	"
Fultonville	F. V. Van Vranken.	100	3	4	6	3	127	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	132	123 99	1,300 97	Fultonville, "
Glen.	Sidney O. Lawing.	82	1	1	1	1	1	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	150	103 65	604 80	Glen, "
Hageman's Mills	A. J. Hageman, (s.c)	90	7	2	2	3	110	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	170	362 60	1,116 22	Hageman's Mills, "
Henderson.	Daniel Lord.	25	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	300	Jordanville, "
Herkimer.	Henry M. Cox.	125	6	6	6	1	168	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	125	293 30	3,555 63	Herkimer, "
Indian Castle*.	Vacant.	13	10	"
Manheim*.	Vacant.	40	65	"
Mapletown.	John Minor.	52	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	25	14 82	386	Canajoharie, "
Mohawk.	James Edmonson.	80	...	...	...	...	...	477	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	100	32 50	1,350	Mohawk, "
Port Jackson.	J. R. Kwie.	105	4	7	2	3	6	192	5	...	...	...	...	...	25	136	195 71	1,503 92	Port Jackson, "
St. Johnsville.	Albert Dod Minor.	125	14	2	3	3	5	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	175	100 72	4,841 97	St. Johnsville, "
Spraker's Basin.	Vacant.	26	1	...	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	36	...	185	Spraker's Basin, "
Stone Arabia.	Rufus M. Stanbrough.	49	3	1	1	1	1	74	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	25	13 25	637 74	Stone Arabia, "
Total.	Total.	1815	67	39	47	1	44	2509	41	26	85	590	28	2209	...	...	\$2,626 55	\$20,300 88	

Other Ministers.—Joseph Knieskem, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y.

* Last year's report.

† Revised list.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK, P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Rec'd.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Belleville.....	Ralph W. Brokaw.....	120	9	10	1	2	6	150	5	17	.....	175	1	225	\$355 15	\$2,109 78	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First, Newark.....	William H. Gleason.....	170	51	21	3	1	6	368	11	17	.....	200	2	500	1,826 45	5,190 90	Newark, " "
Irvington.....	Henry Veshlage (s.c.)....	100	4	7	2	1	1	167	3	1	.....	60	1	180	1,880	1,880	Irvington, " "
Second, Newark.....	John A. Davis*.....	80	6	6	8	2	4	160	11	3	.....	100	1	200	247 78	2,143 83	Newark, " "
Franklin.....	Supplied.....	50	5	5	2	2	2	104	.....	.....	.....	151	1	119	.....	.....	" "
North, Newark.....	David Waters.....	230	19	15	8	2	7	415	17	6	.....	553	2	770	12,720 40	7,917 71	" "
West Newark.....	Carl Girtanner.....	75	1	1	.....	.....	3	290	60	.....	.....	27	1	160	67 00	2,516 31	" "
Clinton Ave., Newark..	Wm. J. R. Taylor.....	180	31	29	14	2	2	353	6	9	.....	400	2	818	1,526 35	7,150 05	" "
East, Newark.....	Theodore Schafer.....	40	1	2	.....	.....	1	152	9	.....	.....	75	1	200	7 49	946 75	" "
Linden.....	Supplied.....	30	1	4	11	.....	.....	53	2	1	.....	.....	1	75	.....	.....	" "
Woodside.....	Supplied.....	50	3	17	2	.....	9	186	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	188	250	2,272	" "
Stone House Plains....	Jacob O. Van Fleet.....	60	1	1	2	.....	2	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	90	55 00	940	Brookdale, " "
Orange.....	George S. Bishop.....	170	25	8	6	.....	2	347	12	.....	.....	182	1	45	1,771 19	42,804 25	East Orange, " "
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Andrew V. V. Raymond	148	18	38	7	.....	2	223	8	4	.....	65	1	200	1,332 68	5,396 30	Plainfield, Union, Co., " "
Total.....	Total.....	1503	175	159	67	1	41	2818	144	46	.....	1988	17	3970	\$20,160 03	\$41,273 88	

* Pastor Elect. † Exclusive of pastor's support.

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J.; Louis H. Bahler, Flemington, N. J.; Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick; John M. Macauley, Newark, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, New Brunswick..	Thos. C. Easton.....	360	124	33	8	...	10	720	15	55	325	160	1	478	\$2,205 96	\$4,936 11	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run.....	Wm. R. Taylor.....	145	15	9	11	...	11	312	4	4	150	50	6	300	1,246 98	1,460	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough.....	Edward T. Corwin (s.c.)	155	5	11	14	...	4	274	8	2	200	100	7	200	430 00	1,200	Millstone, "
Middlebush.....	James Le Pevre.....	80	10	12	12	...	1	190	4	1	110	115	1	130	314 25	1,700 06	Middlebush, "
Griggstown.....	John G. Gebhard.....	51	3	4	8	...	4	140	3	...	40	82	2	82	150 77	801 67	Griggstown, "
Second, New Brunswick	Mancins H. Hinton....	184	12	9	10	...	2	402	21	1	164	184	2	274	2,186 80	5,151 67	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook.....	David M. Talmage.....	70	2	4	...	...	3	110	2	...	27	149	1	140	54 80	1,095 70	Bound Brook, "
Third, New Brunswick.	Chas. Meyer, S. S.....	7	...	...	6	...	3	20	2	...	...	...	...	...	27 40	260	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone.....	Alex. McWilliam.....	70	10	9	15	...	4	150	3	3	30	40	1	70	150 00	1,400	East Millstone, "
Metuchen.....	James Cruikshanks....	70	7	1	1	...	3	148	1	3	...	...	...	165	43 09	2,484 67	Metuchen, "
	Total.....	1192	188	92	85	...	45	2,466	63	69	1076	890	24	1869	\$6,870 05	\$20,489 82	

Other Ministers—Wm. H. Campbell, Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle, all Profs. in Rutgers; Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall; P. J. Quick, Librarian of Sage Library; address of all, New Brunswick, N. J.; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; John L. See, Sec'y Board of Education, 34 Vesey street, New York City; John A. Van Doren, East Millstone; Eugene S. Booth and Kumage Kimura, Japan; Islay Walden, Lassiter Mills, N. C.; John H. Bergen, Columbus, Ga.; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Ontario; Edward Lord, Danby, N. Y.

Candidates.—De Witt T. Kelley, Professor in Rutgers College, and Alex. G. Van Aken, both of New Brunswick, N. J.; Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Number of Families.	Rec'd.		On Confession	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS			
			On Certificate.	On Confession												Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
{ New York (Collegiate) }	Thomas E. Vermilye.....	705	58	42	34	22	1915	17	.....	.....	1429	7	2529	.....	.....	{ 15 West 56th St., N. Y. City.
	Talbot W. Chambers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ 70 West 36th St., " "
	William Ormiston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ 17 West 32d St., " "
	Edward B. Coe.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ 42 West 52d St., " "
	George H. Smyth.....	250	65	39	20	4	473	7	15	25	594	1	594	638	40	{ 183 East 116th St., " "			
	Roderick Terry.....	140	29	5	17	5	344	9	1	115	.....	3	654	6,272	12	{ 70 Madison Ave., N. Y.		
	James Brownlee.....	154	2	3	4	6	262	4	.....	.....	200	2	400	757	.....	{ Port Richmond, N. Y.
	Carlos Martyn.....	55	3	9	2	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	60	.....	.....	{ 439 West 73d St., N. Y. City
	Bloomfield.....	151	12	17	14	7	272	11	2	142	216	2	566	2,416	80	{ 34 East 58th St., " "			
	Madison Avenue.....	188	4	14	39	9	386	6	.....	.....	100	1	130	574	5,510	{ 78 Second St., " "	
	Thirtieth Street.....	185	66	6	10	550	27	3	.....	.....	60	1	500	2,709	71	{ Stapleton, N. Y.	
	German Ev. Mission.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ 578 East 145th St., " "
	Richmond, Staten Isl'd	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ " "
	Huguenots.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ " "
	St. Paul's, Mott Haven.	Hasbrouck Du Bois.....	105	11	6	8	6	244	15	3	70	1	70	9	26	{ " "		
Union, High Bridge.....	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S.S.	37	2	2	1	2	50	3	.....	.....	1	460	450	2,850	.....	{ " "		
Fourth German.....	John H. Ooster.....	80	54	4	.....	.....	389	40	.....	.....	1	86	308	64	.....	{ " "		
{ Prospect Hill. }	D. McL. Quackenbush.....	90	8	4	15	4	172	8	.....	.....	100	250	1	430	231	{ 248 West 40th St., " "	
	Oliver H. Walser.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	216	1	420	2,839	44	{ 122 East 87th St., " "
	Arend H. Walser.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ 129 East 86th St., " "
	Brookfield, Conn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ 279 West 11th St., " "
	Vacant.....	30	6	3	2	.....	73	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ Brooklyn, Conn.
	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ 602 Fifth St., " "
	Avenue B, German Ev.....	91	64	1	2	2	498	70	.....	.....	30	1	275	238	.....	{ 4,830 83 Tompkinsville, N. Y.
	Brighton Heights.....	98	27	3	8	6	304	9	.....	.....	240	1	325	507	88	{ " "	
	Union, Sixth Avenue.....	120	2	4	8	4	293	7	.....	.....	175	1	230	385	34	{ 433 West 19th St., " "	
	German, Norfolk Street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ " "
	Mattoax & Amelia C. H.....	150	48	.....	.....	.....	450	35	.....	.....	35	1	300	200	1,000	{ " "
	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ " "
	Kreischersville, Staten I.	Vacant.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	{ " "
	Total.....	2675	462	152	184	103	6820	276	29	693	3627	28	8150	\$55,817	\$3 \$71,858	31	{ Kreischersville, Staten Island.

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothaus Miller, Yokohama, Japan, *in transitu*.
Mission Pastors.—Rev. J. H. Berthoff, 160 West 29th St., New York; Rev. Abraham Thompson, (s.c.), 514 Ninth Ave., New York; Rev. Joseph R. Dur-
 yee, 112 West 4th St., New York; Rev. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, New York; Rev. F. M. Kip, Chaplain, Christian Benevolent Institutions, Tompkinsville, N. Y.;
 Rev. John A. Billingsley, 444 West 23d St., New York; Rev. Henry De Vries, 321 E. 14th Street, New York.
Other Ministers.—Rev. Enoch Van Aken, Emeritus, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. J. B. Steele, Canajoharie, N. Y.; Rev. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J.; Rev.
 John Forsyth, Newburgh, N. Y.; Rev. William H. Miller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Sinclair, Stapleton, N. Y.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. G. H.
 Mandeville, 327 East 124th St., New York City; Rev. William L. Johnson, Missionary, Orangeburg, s. c.; Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, Claverack, N. Y.; Rev. A. J. Park,
 S. S.) Weston, Conn.; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, 15 W. 56th Street, N. Y. City.
Candidate.—W. Muss Arnott, John Hopkins, University, Baltimore, Md.

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†Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1883.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Rec'd.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Berea	A. Westveer	70	5	8	1	1	1	128	1	2	20	1	104	\$25 05	\$879 21	Walden, N. Y.		
Bloomington	J. B. Wilson	51	5	8	1	1	1	106	1	2	1	1	76	5	75	Bloomington, N. Y.		
Callicoon	Carl Schmolz	30	10	2	2	66	57	1	3	10	2	60	129	15 07	429	Callicoon, N. Y.		
Cuddebackville	R. P. Milliken	56	10	5	3	6	285	10	3	150	2	450	2	904 07	8,722 78	Cuddebackville, N. Y.		
Deerpark	Herman Hageman	190	10	12	13	7	1199	1	13	1	140	135 29	1	4,450	706	Ellenville, N. Y.		
Ellenville	Goyt Talmage	88	20	6	1	117	11	1	14	1	80	58	1	880	3	Woodbourne, N. Y.		
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	90	3	6	3	1	166	1	14	1	50	6 20	1	880	3	Gramhamville, N. Y.		
Gramhamville	R. P. Milliken	37	19	1	3	1	166	1	14	1	50	6 20	1	880	3	Gramhamville, N. Y.		
Kerhonkson	John DuBois	85	2	3	4	8	308	10	3	150	2	175	1	75	3 18	519 25	Kerhonkson, N. Y.	
Mamakating	J. L. Stillwell	185	8	4	4	4	407	8	4	1	150	214 66	1	150	1,174 37	1,854 68	Montague, N. Y.	
Minnisk	Ferdinand S. Schenck	197	5	16	33	1	152	8	1	1	2	97	100	110 49	1,111 22	1,111 22	Newburgh, N. Y.	
Montgomery	H. V. S. Myers	104	1	1	1	1	137	1	1	1	2	97	100	110 49	1,111 22	1,111 22	Newburgh, N. Y.	
Newburgh	R. H. Beattie	78	1	1	1	1	200	8	1	1	2	97	100	110 49	1,111 22	1,111 22	Newburgh, N. Y.	
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	90	4	2	7	1	200	8	1	1	2	97	100	110 49	1,111 22	1,111 22	Newburgh, N. Y.	
Shawangunk	P. K. Hageman	90	4	2	7	1	200	8	1	1	2	97	100	110 49	1,111 22	1,111 22	Newburgh, N. Y.	
Shawangunk	R. P. Milliken, S. S.	34	3	6	9	2	185	6	2	1	50	4	160	385	4	1,577 89	1,577 89	Shawangunk, N. Y.
Unionville	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	7	2	4	1	100	5	1	1	175	285	1	175	285	2,500	2,500	Unionville, N. Y.
Walden	Richard DeWitt	70	5	2	4	1	100	5	1	1	37	182	1	80	20	575	575	Walden, N. Y.
Walkill Valley	Vacant	68	1	1	1	1	51	3	1	1	80	28 75	2	120	28 75	744 20	744 20	Dingman's Bridge, Pa.
Walpack (Upper)	H. L. Rex	70	4	1	2	2	89	1	1	1	80	28 75	2	120	28 75	744 20	744 20	Dingman's Bridge, Pa.
Walpack (Lower)	G. D. Lydecker	61	4	1	2	2	89	1	1	1	40	82 78	3	190	1,120 50	82 78	1,120 50	Napanoch, N. Y.
Wawarsing	G. D. Lydecker	61	4	1	2	2	89	1	1	1	40	82 78	3	190	1,120 50	82 78	1,120 50	Napanoch, N. Y.
Total.		1734	107	69	94	44	2958	75	52	560	30	2443	\$3,449 51	\$85,445 38				

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. Jno. A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. William E. Turner, Elmsford, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. E. W. Bentley, Canton Center, Hartford Co., Conn.; Rev. G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., Pa. *Amended Roll.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.				Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Chil- dren.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
		On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.												Died.
Acquanack.....	John Gaston.....	160	8	2	10	...	3	*314	22	1	265	150	1	285	\$1,405 51	\$3,850	Passaic, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson.....	Nat. H. Van Arsdale.....	100	18	1	3	12	5	169	1	5	144	150	1	150	576 45	3,971 31	Paterson, " "
Centerville.....	Alexander McKelvey.....	...	4	18	...	...	...	36	3	5	3	149	1	149	...	...	Athena, Passaic Co., " "
Clarkstown.....	Vacant.....	486	6	9	6	1	2	120	5	1	122	10	1	90	259 15	4,390 02	Mont Moor, N. Y.
First, Holland, Paterson.....	James Huyssoon.....	95	6	9	6	1	4	157	18	1	182	44	1	78	140 69	851 77	Paterson, N. J.
Holland, Lodi.....	Louis G. Jongeneel.....	50	2	2	1	...	2	53	4	...	199	...	1	37	9 68	348 27	Lodi, " "
Holland, Passaic.....	William Wormser.....	110	8	13	2	...	2	149	26	4	364	65	1	190	78 70	1,043 90	Passaic, " "
Holland, Wortendyke.....	Vacant.....	99	34	25	3	...	2	*221	31	1	303	70	1	95	111 90	3,037 71	Wortendyke, " "
Second, Lodi.....	Robert M. Offord.....	33	4	...	3	...	...	*59	4	1	27	40	1	61	50	1,200	Lodi, " "
North, Passaic.....	Asher Anderson.....	85	4	17	8	...	3	146	10	2	103	170	1	323	636 93	4,145	Passaic, N. Y.
Nyack.....	Wm. H. Clark (s.c.).....	171	16	14	9	...	11	*339	...	5	150	310	1	310	1,153 75	7,430	Nyack, N. J.
Paranus.....	John C. Van Deventer.....	109	8	6	5	...	2	199	7	3	130	90	1	90	347 34	1,744 64	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack.....	Edward Lodewick.....	*86	10	2	3	...	2	127	7	...	107	100	1	100	59 75	1,472 04	Park Ridge, N. Y.
Piermont.....	William C. Stitt.....	50	4	6	9	...	2	104	4	...	...	90	1	90	403 08	1,971	Piermont, N. J.
Ramapo.....	William W. Letson.....	43	12	3	...	...	...	*45	10	3	...	...	1	50	15	500	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramscys.....	William W. Letson.....	22	2	3	...	...	...	38	4	...	...	46	1	45	2 50	400	Ridgewood, " "
Ridgewood.....	John A. Van Neste.....	52	5	4	...	2	1	85	3	2	45	30	1	110	23	1,041	Ridgewood, " "
Saddle River.....	William E. Bogardus.....	55	...	...	...	...	...	1	93	...	75	...	1	60	36	1,312 05	Monsey, N. Y.
Second, Totowa.....	Peter H. Milliken.....	137	19	11	4	2	13	*262	24	5	149	172	1	262	558 15	2,637 88	Paterson, N. J.
Spring Valley.....	Cornelius E. Crispell.....	90	...	6	1	...	2	112	10	...	59	40	1	163	125 72	3,059 15	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan.....	Vacant.....	+100	...	...	...	...	...	145	...	...	+200	+100	+	200	95 89	1,241	Tappan, " "
Warwick.....	Vernon B. Carroll.....	100	3	4	5	...	5	139	...	1	60	60	1	80	381 29	2,188 68	Warwick, " "
West New Hempstead.....	Vacant.....	37	...	...	...	...	...	3	68	2	35	...	1	50	38 64	408 25	Monsey, " "
Total.....	Total.....	1860	168	148	86	5	70	3180	195	31	2885	2710	25	3098	\$6,509 12	\$46,323 07	

Other Ministers.—John H. Duryea, Pastor Emeritus, Second Church of Totowa, Paterson, N. J.; Wm. Hazenberger, in Africa.

*Last year's Report.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																											
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*The Church of Boardville after the adoption of this report was dissolved. †Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. G. Cruikshank, County Supt. of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.; Rev. A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J.; Rev. James Demarest, 186 Belleville Ave., Newark, N. J.; Rev. James E. Bernart, Chester, Orange Co., N. Y.; Rev. Isaac S. Demund, Enclitus, Wortendyke, N. J.; Rev. John N. Jansen, Pompton, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Harlingen	John S. Gardner.	150	4	10	21	...	4	290	10	...	80	...	3	200	\$304 66	\$1,859 37	Harlingen, N. J.	
Neshanic.	John Hart.	166	7	9	6	...	4	276	10	...	100	...	2	336	392 86	1,750	Neshanic, Pa.	
First, Philadelphia.	Thomas X. Orr.	80	4	6	8	...	8	200	3	...	3	...	1	230	913 04	5,842 22	517 Brown st., Philadelphia, Pa.	
Blawenburg.	Wm. B. Voorhes, (s.c.).	107	5	5	8	...	1	292	2	...	...	...	20	150	400	2,025	Blawenburg, N. J.
Adisville.	Isaac Collier.	85	2	1	1	...	3	166	3	...	66	...	4	150	84 06	1,300	Richboro, Pa.	
Rocky Hill *.	Vacant.	66	3	2	7	...	6	147	2	...	...	...	71	100	156 82	949 94	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth, Philadelphia.	C. F. C. Suckow.	155	6	...	...	...	6	214	42	...	...	...	95	1	277 15	2,023 53	622 Otis st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Clover Hill.	M. N. Oliver.	75	1	2	...	...	4	185	5	...	...	...	1	75	106	964 33	Clover Hill, N. J.
Three Bridges.	Edward Birdsall.	74	3	2	4	...	8	88	2	...	...	...	1	135	29 32	544 15	Three Bridges, N. J.
Second, Philadelphia.	Nathaniel I. Rubinkam.	200	30	13	2	...	8	503	11	7	...	...	2	629	1,947 94	5,675 67	718 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Stanton.	Charles W. Pitcher.	85	...	9	...	...	4	161	3	...	...	...	1	100	40 22	1,223 28	Stanton, N. J.
Third, Philadelphia.	Vacant.	40	1	...	5	...	3	81	...	...	...	...	1	80	427 86	1,426 23	Stanton, N. J.
Fourth, Philadelphia.	Cornelius Schenck.	105	17	4	1	...	2	255	9	5	...	...	100	1	393	340 79	Manayunk, Pa.
N. & S. Hampton.	Samuel Streng.	120	13	1	10	...	4	250	17	9	144	...	150	4	515 85	1,631 87	Churchville, Pa.	
Total		1508	96	63	75	...	54	3068	119	33	405	476	24	3,108	\$6,776 67	\$30,569 44		

Other Ministers.—A. R. Van Nest, 1634 Walnut st., Philadelphia; J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China; G. E. Gramm, 1056 Vienna st., Philadelphia; A. Stoll, Bangalore, India.

* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	On Certificate.				Total now in Communion.			Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.												Died.
First, Poughkeepsie.....	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)	190	8	25	10	10	7	*122	3	.....	1	290	\$2,452 59	\$3,698 72	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.		
Second, Poughkeepsie.....	J. Elmendorf.....	130	14	10	6	10	6	340	3	61	1	133	2,289 63	5,104 87	"			
Fishkill.....	M. B. Thomas.....	81	1	7	2	7	1	180	2	1	104	104	98 00	2,638 60	"			
Hopewell.....	C. H. Polhemus.....	145	2	3	3	3	4	254	2	.....	20	125	217 59	1,190 60	"		
New Hackensack.....	Henry Ward.....	100	2	5	3	3	1	158	.....	53	45	250	326 60	1,205 92	"		
Hyde Park.....	C. R. Blauvelt.....	60	5	2	3	3	3	117	1	.....	15	35	106 18	1,664 45	"		
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	Charles W. Fritts.....	120	9	1	1	1	2	273	2	3	.....	1	195	546 98	"		
Rhinebeck.....	L. Walter Lott.....	100	1	8	1	8	5	*292	.....	.....	1	130	293 34	1,304 83	"	
Glenham.....	William W. Schomp.....	38	3	3	1	3	4	55	.....	63	1	90	51 02	654	"		
Cold Spring.....	".....	34	3	5	1	5	2	4	3	.....	1	79	67 13	837	"		
Millbrook.....	J. Edward Lyall.....	71	6	5	12	1	2	111	6	150	.....	3	128	.....	"		
	Total.....	1069	52	61	42	1	38	2058	21	264	184	1529	\$ 6,449 66	\$23,099 64	"			

Other Ministers.—Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. G. R. Garrison, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 34 Vesey St., N. Y.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						B.A.P.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		On Confession		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First, Raritan	J. Preston Searle	200	11	29	12	1	488	5	5	2	70	1	250	\$970 62	\$4,139 29	Somerville, Somerset Co., N.J.	
Readington	John H. Smock	200	4	10	13	1	392	6	6	2	4	400	420 10	2,336 69	Readington, Hunterdon		
Bedminster	John L. McNair	105	12	13	1	3	255	8	8	1	90	2	175	649 08	1,282 86	Bedminster, Somerset	
Lebanon	Vacant	204	4	2	4	8	320	5	2	134	...	183	273	1,191 15	Lebanon, Hunterdon		
Rockaway	Vacant	95	1	1	13	3	198	13	13	8	...	4	200	117 43	1,200	White House	
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	127	9	6	6	8	203	13	2	...	1	90	236 25	2,187 66	North Branch, Somerset		
Second, Raritan	Edward G. Read	200	13	16	29	14	485	6	3	...	100	1	276	823 04	4,039 36	Somerville,	
Peapack	Vacant	*120	8	2	1	3	205	7	9	148	...	1	125	100	1,298 41	Peapack,	
Branchville	William E. Davis	122	7	12	9	2	281	6	4	...	...	1	180	257 21	1,497 82	South Branch,
Third, Raritan	Charles H. Pool	110	10	20	12	5	310	10	1	130	230	1	260	626 21	1,930 45	Raritan,	
Easton	Geo. M. S. Blaauvelt	70	2	2	...	1	139	2	...	...	...	...	...	164	2,496	Easton, Northampton
Plainfield, (German)	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Plainfield, Union
Pottersville	William H. Hoffman	70	2	1	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25 89	739 35	Pottersville, Hun'd'n
High Bridge	Artemus Dean	74	3	5	4	3	97	1	...	...	135	1	105	122 75	1,175	High Bridge,
Clinton Station	Wm. H. Williamson	85	12	12	3	4	152	2	4	...	...	1	105	83 10	1,082 67	Amantide,
Fourth, Raritan, (Ger.),	Frederick E. Schleider	30	11	...	...	1	40	4	...	...	...	1	35	289 36	289 36	Somerville, Somerset
Total	Total	1812	109	130	108	2	683687	88	31	587	535	21	2279	\$4,928 13	\$26,986 07		

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; Rev. H. F. Schnellendrenster, Plainfield, N. J.; Rev. Henry Stott, Nagasaki, Japan; Rev. Robert Van Amburgh, Lebanon, N. J.; Rev. J. F. Mesick, (s. c.), Blaenburgh, N. J.; Rev. B. T. Statesir, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. Gilbert Lane, South Branch, N. J.; Rev. C. H. Edgar, Easton, Pa.; Rev. Wm. Bailey, Cedar Hill, Albany Co., N. Y.

*From report of last year.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Rec'd.	On Confession		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
				On Certificate.	On Confession														
Blooming Grove.....	W. Henry McGiffert.....	76	3	1	1	1	1	84	5	1	50	75	1	75	\$36 18	\$1,100	Defreestville, N. Y.		
Castleton.....	Alan D. Campbell.....	100	8	3	4	...	176	176	3	...	...	...	1	135	114 75	2,000	Castleton, "
Chatham.....	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.....	112	6	...	...	...	165	165	...	2	...	...	1	205	495 26	1,700	Chatham, "
First, Ghent.....	John B. Drury.....	75	3	...	3	...	118	118	3	1	38	40	1	110	290	1,840	Ghent, "		
Second, Ghent.....	Isaac S. Schenck.....	73	5	...	3	...	107	107	...	1	...	...	1	80	47	1,475 05	Stockport, "
Greenbush.....	John Steele.....	120	21	5	6	...	301	301	1	8	86	...	1	125	258 22	1,661 24	East Greenbush, "		
Kinderhook.....	E. A. Collier, (s.c.).....	175	5	6	4	...	303	303	5	...	130	80	2	160	1,431 06	2,313 74	Kinderhook, "		
Nassau.....	Vacant.....	143	3	5	6	...	289	289	8	1	42	...	1	85	301 82	2,350 08	Nassau, "		
New Concord.....	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.....	30	...	...	...	...	37	37	...	...	...	...	1	36	21 50	462	New Concord, "
Schodack.....	William Veenschoten.....	80	13	4	6	...	122	122	3	3	160	40	3	100	185 42	1,226 73	Muitzskill, "		
Schodack Landing.....	H. A. Hendrickson.....	94	2	8	3	...	172	172	...	1	115	80	1	137	163 26	1,549 03	Schodack Landing, "		
Stuyvesant.....	Elbert Nevius.....	70	2	1	...	...	79	79	4	...	41	...	1	70	271 38	746 24	Stuyvesant, "
Stuyvesant Falls.....	Vacant.....	160	...	...	...	...	105	105	...	...	...	...	1	455	.....	.....	Stuyvesant Falls, "
Total.....		1208	71	33	36	...	2620 58	2620 58	32	17	662	315	16	1373	\$3,525 85	\$19,024 71			

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y.; *retired*. Rev. J. S. N. Demarest, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. C. Fowler, Fargo, Dakota; *suspended*.
 Rev. Wm. H. Van Doren, Millstone, N. J.

*Last year's report.

*Revised list.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA,—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. G. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Boght.....	George I. Taylor.....	24	1	1	2	2	36	1	1	1	1	53	\$40 20	\$453 58	Cohoes, Albany Co.,	N. Y.	
Buskirks.....	James L. Southard.....	41	1	1	2	1	65	1	1	1	1	1	75	600	Buskirks, Wash. Co.,	"	
Cohoes.....	J. Paschal Strong.....	220	17	5	9	10	393	16	8	1	5	1	221	5,172 91	Cohoes, Albany Co.,	"	
Easton.....	Vacant.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	251 96	Easton, Wash. Co.,	"
Fort Miller.....	J. W. Chapman, S. S.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 10	320	Fort Miller, Wash. Co.,	"
Gansevoort.....	George A. Mills, S. S.....	60	3	2	1	2	89	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	51	1,040	Gansevoort,	"
Northumberland.....	George I. Taylor.....	13	3	2	1	1	11	1	1	2	1	35	.....	157 75	Northumberland	"
Rensselaer.....	J. W. Chapman*.....	62	3	2	5	4	151	1	1	1	1	190	98 81	1,584 96	Cohoes, Albany Co.,	"	
Saratoga.....	Edward G. Ackerman.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	1	.....	102	1	125	120 64	896 75	Schuylerville,	"
Schaghticoke.....	B. Fay Mills, S. S.....	65	18	8	3	1	166	2	6	.....	.....	65	21 25	2,625	Reynolds, Rens. Co.,	"
Union Village.....	John G. Lansing.....	170	18	10	3	.....	281	5	5	.....	125	1	310 64	14,919 32	Greenwich, Wash. Co.,	"
West Troy.....	Selah W. Strong, (s.c.).....	160	18	13	14	5	247	17	4	144	95	1	308	784 66	West Troy, Albany Co.,	"	
West Troy, (South).....	C. P. Evans, S. S.....	82	2	1	.....	3	99	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	50	52 25	West Troy, Albany Co.,	"
Wynantskill.....	1008	84	43	38	3016 95	45	31	253	221	12	1779	\$1,878 41	\$29,574 20	Wynantskill, Rens. Co.,	"
	Total.....																

Other Ministers.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, West Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co., N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, Hillsdale, Mich.; Rev. J. G. Smart, 176 Madison Ave., N. Y. city; Rev. A. G. Cochran, Middle Falls, Washington Co., N. Y.
 *Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First, Schenectady	William E. Griggs.	250	33	5	12	1	5	352	2	18	450	200	3	650	\$1,079 53	\$5,751 78	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second, Schenectady	Peter E. Kipp	153	77	16	3	1	3	273	6	43	.....	160	3	220	504 46	2,650	Schenectady, "
First, Glenville.	William J. Hill.....	155	17	4	9	.....	11	278	4	9	.....	.....	3	200	264 87	2,012 31	Glenville, "
Second, Glenville.....	D. K. Van Doren.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	164	3	.....	.....	.....	3	175	456	456	Scotia, "
First, Rotterdam.....	John C. Lowe.....	*65	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	121	3	.....	.....	.....	1	130	130 69	885	Pattersonville, "
Second, Rotterdam.....	Ira Van Allen.....	50	26	.....	.....	.....	1	69	9	.....	62	.....	1	87	.....	775	Schenectady, "
Heiderberg.....	S. L. Gamble (s.c.).....	234	.....	5	6	.....	1	517	9	1	47	.....	5	324	236 84	1,590	Guilderland Centre, "
Niskayuna.....	Vacant.....	100	6	2	.....	.....	2	201	9	.....	104	101	3	200	266 36	1,056 56	Niskayuna, "
Lisha's Kill.....	Vacant.....	85	4	.....	.....	.....	3	167	1	2	50	100	2	160	170 03	1,366	Lisha's Kill, "
Amity.....	Benjamin A. Bartholf.....	84	1	.....	.....	.....	4	124	3	.....	.....	70	1	150	63 23	901 50	Vischers' Ferry, "
Princeton.....	J. Kelley Rhinehart.....	85	1	.....	.....	.....	1	*235	6	.....	60	75	1	145	137 59	1,056 21	Gifford, "
Total.....	Total.....	1346	150	33	51	2	36	2501	52	73	371	709	24	2441	\$2,842 80	\$19,000 38	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. C. Lawrence, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rev. D. B. Hall, Duaneburg, N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.
Candidate.—Lauren Vanderveer, Schenectady, N. Y.
 *Revised list.
 †Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Children.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
			Rec'd.	On Certificate.														
Schoharie.....	Augustus F. Todd.....	70	3	3	3	3	114	..	1	..	1	20	1	75	\$491 26	\$1,193	Schoharie, N. Y.	
Middleburgh.....	Albert N. Sebring.....	90	29	6	2	3	140	2	14	..	14	30	1	125	138	1,458	Middleburgh, "	
Gallupville.....	J. Howard Van Doren..	45	4	2	1	1	75	..	..	..	..	25	1	70	24	876 70	Gallupville, "
Berne.....	Robert Doig, (s.c.).....	64	4	1	1	1	130	..	..	..	..	25	1	60	187 50	560	Berne, Albany Co., "
Beaverdam.....	Robert Doig.....	60	1	1	1	1	120	..	3	..	3	30	1	100	28	450	Berne, Albany Co., "	
Lawyersville.....	William P. Davis.....	50	1	1	1	1	68	..	..	..	..	20	1	75	24	700	Lawyersville, "
Schoharie Mountain.....	Wm. D. Buckelew.....	50	2	2	1	2	86	1	..	..	..	20	1	80	8 11	440	Howe's Cave, "
North Blenheim.....	Edward Miller.....	35	4	1	1	1	44	1	3	..	3	10	1	40	8 74	200	North Blenheim, "	
Breakabin.....	Edward Miller.....	35	14	1	1	1	67	4	7	..	7	18	1	80	3 84	300	North Blenheim, "	
Sharon.....	Andrew Parsons.....	45	1	1	2	2	130	7	..	..	..	96	1	122	60	1,500	Sharon Centre, "
Gilboa.....	Benj. C. Miller, S. S.....	70	4	1	1	1	125	..	..	..	..	..	1	140	30	700	Gilboa, "
Central Bridge.....	Wm. D. Buckelew.....	20	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	..	500	Howe's Cave, "
Prattsville.....	N. F. Nickerson.....	72	4	4	3	3	98	6	3	..	3	82	1	82	67 50	1,003 80	Prattsville, Greene Co., "	
Moresville.....	Vacant.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Grand Gorge, "
South Gilboa.....	Vacant*.....	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	South Gilboa, "
Total.....	Total.....	723	72	16	10	5	20	1199	21	33	51	376	13	1089	\$770 95	\$9,981 50		

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. S. Lott, 54 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., infirm in health; Rev. T. L. Shafer, East Maine, Broome Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. William H. Carr, Albany, N. Y.
 *Supplied by Rev. L. E. Richards, of Presbyterian Church, of Stamford, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
			Rec'd.		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.		Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
			On Confession																
Blue Mountain.....	John F. Hooper*	120	5	1	1	1	2	253	17	...	...	40	2	145	\$41 16	\$970	Saugerties, N. Y.
Caatsban.....	Stephen Searle.	75	...	6	...	3	3	122	6	5	75	1	130	474 04	1,132 41	Saugerties, "	
Esopus.....	Eugene Hill.	105	9	3	...	3	3	100	8	...	...	...	...	...	61 37	1,055 14	Ulster Park, "
Flatbush.....	A. A. Zabriskie	145	2	3	5	...	3	236	4	...	...	...	...	...	166 92	1,575 92	Glasco, "
Kingsdon.....	J. G. Van Slyke	215	11	13	5	1	6	472	14	5	275	970	15,000	Kingsdon, "	
North Esopus.....	B. C. Lippincott.	90	5	3	5	...	4	150	5	1	20	3	186	105 71	1,622 60	Port Ewen, "	
Puttekill.....	W. G. E. See.	140	6	3	1	...	3	355	5	...	...	...	...	...	160	102 83	Glasco, "
Roxbury.....	A. M. Arcularius.	73	...	5	6	...	...	99	3	...	...	...	...	...	162 68	1,162 83	Glasco, "
Saugerties.....	S. H. Cobb.	195	3	11	...	...	6	283	2	...	...	125	1	175	18 50	2,083 12	Roxbury, "
Shandaken.....	A. J. Beckman.	44	...	1	69	3	14	291	697 83	Saugerties, "	
Shokan.....	A. J. Beckman.	68	4	2	3	...	1	132	4	3	...	...	...	...	46 75	...	Shokan, "
Stewartsville.....	Vacant.	20	...	...	1	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	West Hurley, "
West Hurley.....	Vacant.	75	...	4	1	...	2	120	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	800	West Hurley, "
Woodstock.....	William A. Wurts.	63	...	3	...	...	122	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	706	Woodstock, "
Wiltwyck.....	Wm. A. Shaw, S.S.	46	2	...	...	...	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	126 53	692 16	Kingsdon, "
Total	Total	1454	47	46	40	1	44	2589	71	14	...	266	24	2090	\$2,877 39	\$39,941 06			

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingsdon, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Suntuord, Kingsdon, N. Y.; Rev. Alex. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Broadhead, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Meyers, Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. J. N. Voorhis, (s.c.), Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. B. C. Miller, Rev. N. F. Chapman, Smith's Landing, Greene Co., N. Y.; Rev. W. S. Moore, Yonkers, N. Y.;
 * Pastor elect.
 † Last year's report.
 ‡ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	
Bronxville.....	Edward J. Runk.....	45	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	N. Y.
Cortlandtown.....	Joseph A. Harper.....	80	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Fordham.....	William Anderson.....	65	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	New York City.
Greenburg.....	.....	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Greenville.....	James Bolton.....	26	3	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Scarsdale, N. Y.
Hastings.....	M. M. Curtis, P. E.....	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
McLrose.....	John E. Lang.....	58	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Mount Vernon.....	Chas. K. Clearwater(s.c.)	143	12	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Peekskill.....	A. Messler Quick.....	55	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Tarrytown, First.....	John K. Allen.....	102	13	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Tarrytown, Second.....	John A. Todd.....	100	10	11	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Unionville.....	Howard Harris.....	59	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
West Farms.....	Harlan P. Blair.....	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Yonkers.....	David Cole.....	150	11	7	15	1	9	352	9	7	108	43 70	N. Y. City.
Total.....	Total.....	1028	74	43	34	2	45	2077	54	21	334	\$3,721 82 \$27,763 23	Yonkers, N. Y.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Washington Roosevelt, Pelham Manor; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. L. H. Van Dreck, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. Wm. W. Rand, American Tract Society, Nassau St., New York; Rev. John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.; Rev. Alex. Watson, Agent of New York Bible Society, Sing Sing, N. Y.; Rev. George A. Ries, 104 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., Yonkers, N. Y.

*Amended Roll

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Alto.....	Vacant.....	85	2	1	10	1	1	175	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	.....	.....	\$413 56	\$1,002 65	Waupun, Wis.
Bethlehem*.....	Vacant.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	33	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	50	51	Dillman's Station, "
Cedar Grove.....	A. Wormser.....	90	8	25	7	4	210	19	19	289	.....	.....	.....	153	1	150	205 10	1,673 05	Cedar Grove, " [Ill.
Chicago.....	Bernardus De Bey.....	238	24	30	12	4	428	57	57	674	.....	.....	.....	155	1	330	1,406 90	2,674 91	414 W. Harrison St., Chicago, Ill.
Danforth.....	Vacant.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	51	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	1	40	.....	711 11	Danforth, Oregon, Ogle Co., "
Ebenezer.....	L. Watermeulder.....	56	1	.....	.....	.....	64	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	1	50	120	700	Oregon, Ogle Co., "
Forreston.....	J. Blaetgen.....	30	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	167 29	735 56	Forreston, "
Franklin.....	Vacant.....	15	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	1	.....	60	102	Howard Prairie, Mil. Co., Wis.
Fulton.....	Harm Van der Ploeg.....	120	7	7	1	2	1	126	36	500	.....	.....	.....	20	1	150	575 70	1,121 63	Fulton, "
Gibbsville.....	John W. Dunnewold.....	95	9	6	11	.....	215	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140	1	190	425 41	1,248 26	Gibbsville, Min.
Greencliff.....	Vacant.....	60	2	.....	.....	.....	116	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	1	115	135	591	Greencliff, Neb.
Greencliff.....	John Huizinga.....	127	13	6	1	2	213	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	1	170	304 46	1,095 61	Holland, Lancaster Co., Neb.
First, Holland, Neb.	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lansing, Ill.
Second, Holland, Neb.	Vacant.....	16	.....	4	.....	.....	34	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	611 25	1,455 80	673 10th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Lansing.....	Vacant.....	95	6	5	6	1	226	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	1	50	.....	.....	New Amsterdam, "
Milwaukee.....	Wm. Moordlyke.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	1	70	116 50	192 69	Oostburg, "
New Amsterdam*.....	John H. Karsten, (s.c.).....	23	2	1	4	.....	1	50	4	127	.....	.....	.....	180	24	230	64 90	1,600	Peoria, "
Oostburg.....	John Muller.....	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	1	250	831	2,680	Roseland, "
Peoria.....	Cornelius Krickard.....	143	7	10	6	.....	3	271	39	475	.....	.....	.....	75	2	150	580	1,630 41	Peoria, Ogle Co., "
Roseland.....	H. Matzke.....	130	10	1	6	.....	5	137	27	237	.....	.....	.....	100	1	120	705 72	1,405 92	Peoria, Ogle Co., "
Silver Creek.....	J. Kremer.....	88	5	19	35	.....	4	169	15	237	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	50 75	60 50	South Holland, Wis.
South Holland.....	Vacant.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sheboygan Falls, "
Sheboygan Falls.....	Vacant.....	1573	98	115	106	9	31	2709	335	5	3695	17	2310	17	2310	\$6,853 63	\$20,741 01	

Other Ministers.—H. G. Klyn, Keokuk, Iowa, Emeritus. *Last year's report.

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CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		Rev. J. L. Pearce, John H. Wyckoff, P. V. Van Burskirk, W. R. Duryce, J. M. Compton, John Whitebeck, C. Vander Veen, B. Van Zandt, N. M. Steffens, T. S. Dushubierre, J. S. Joralmom, J. F. Harris, W. H. Ten Eyck, R. G. Strong, J. W. Beardslee, Theo. W. Wells, A. J. Hageman, Henry Velasquez, E. T. Corwin, A. Thompson, R. W. Bentley, W. H. Clark, S. T. Seale, W. B. Voorhes, A. P. Van Gieson, J. F. Mesick, E. A. Collier, S. W. Strong, S. L. Gamble, Robert Deig, J. N. Voorhis, C. K. Clearwater, J. H. Karsten.	
				Received on Confession	Received on Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Total of Baptized	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Classis of Albany.....	17	15	.....	1641	103	72	59	2	40	2878	108	75	498	23	2894	\$10,117 49	\$50,963 21	Rev. J. L. Pearce.
Classis of Arcot.....	22	10	.....	1393	182	45	42	29	31	1645	198	142	1052	72	3859	369 50	486 50	John H. Wyckoff.
Classis of Bergen.....	17	18	.....	1210	152	62	44	1	37	2281	338	15	881	19	3283	3,872 79	30,186 40	P. V. Van Burskirk.
South Classis of Bergen.....	12	13	.....	1093	118	55	64	1	32	1891	176	8	900	15	2564	5,096 87	33,086 98	W. R. Duryce.
Classis of Cayuga.....	11	14	.....	748	11	16	5	.....	9	1098	8	1	300	10	1097	1,391 24	13,453 05	J. M. Compton.
Classis of Geneva.....	16	17	.....	1061	44	36	25	6	25	1882	84	9	385	12	1216	1,212 20	12,353 29	John Whitebeck.
Classis of Grand River.....	15	12	.....	1536	181	132	47	6	27	2148	290	1	1300	13	2130	5,080 48	30,765 45	C. Vander Veen.
Classis of Greene.....	7	9	.....	742	60	32	28	1	24	1412	25	16	489	12	950	2,134 62	12,060 30	B. Van Zandt.
Classis of Holland.....	17	17	.....	887	61	86	65	3	37	1675	161	1	1165	12	1524	2,861 38	9,832 37	N. M. Steffens.
Classis of Hudson.....	10	11	.....	1123	42	30	41	1	37	1843	29	18	188	14	1396	4,968 31	20,348 49	T. S. Dushubierre.
Classis of Illinois.....	26	22	.....	1537	183	155	123	6	42	2170	302	15	1026	39	2587	2,016 98	20,533 84	J. S. Joralmom.
Classis of Kingston.....	14	13	.....	1351	62	35	50	...	40	2255	70	21	933	28	2120	1,357 70	15,106 56	J. F. Harris.
North Classis of Long Island.....	21	21	.....	2254	261	73	71	1	63	4142	325	53	436	39	6766	16,777 26	49,569 63	W. H. Ten Eyck.
S. Classis of Long Island.....	18	24	.....	1757	218	107	113	3	76	3893	241	30	2144	25	5399	24,857 50	69,564 15	R. G. Strong.
Classis of Michigan.....	9	9	.....	447	34	32	13	2	11	786	15	7	483	110	12	808 02	7,432 46	J. W. Beardslee.
Classis of Monmouth.....	11	14	.....	798	41	40	40	3	21	1417	25	24	635	435	16	2,017 91	16,174 57	Theo. W. Wells.
Classis of Montgomery.....	23	17	.....	1815	67	39	47	1	44	2509	41	26	85	590	28	2,626 55	29,300 88	A. J. Hageman.
Classis of Newark.....	14	16	.....	1503	175	159	97	1	41	2818	141	46	1988	17	3570	20,160 09	41,273 88	Henry Velasquez.
Classis of New Brunswick.....	10	23	.....	1192	188	92	85	1	45	2466	63	69	890	24	1869	56,870 05	70,489 82	E. T. Corwin.
Classis of New York.....	22	24	.....	2675	402	132	181	...	103	6820	276	29	693	367	28	55,817 83	71,858 31	A. Thompson.
Classis of Orange.....	23	21	.....	1714	107	68	94	...	44	2958	76	52	45	1570	30	3,449 49	25,636 47	R. W. Bentley.
Classis of Paramus.....	23	20	.....	1860	168	148	86	5	70	3180	195	31	1885	2716	25	6,409 12	46,323 07	W. H. Clark.
Classis of Passaic.....	13	17	.....	1340	95	67	29	4	46	2208	134	23	2288	693	20	2,496 09	19,733 57	S. T. Seale.
Classis of Philadelphia.....	14	16	.....	1508	96	63	75	...	54	3068	119	33	405	476	24	6,776 67	30,569 41	W. B. Voorhes.
Classis of Poughkeepsie.....	11	15	.....	1069	52	61	42	1	38	2058	21	22	261	184	18	6,449 66	23,099 64	A. P. Van Gieson.
Classis of Raritan.....	16	21	.....	1812	109	130	108	2	68	3687	88	31	587	535	21	4,928 13	26,986 07	J. F. Mesick.
Classis of Rensselaer.....	13	14	.....	1298	71	33	36	...	26	2958	92	17	662	315	16	3,755 85	19,024 71	E. A. Collier.
Classis of Saratoga.....	14	16	.....	1008	84	43	38	...	30	2095	32	15	253	221	12	1,878 41	29,574 30	S. W. Strong.
Classis of Schoenectady.....	11	12	.....	1346	150	33	51	...	36	2201	52	73	371	709	24	2,842 80	19,000 36	S. L. Gamble.
Classis of Schoharie.....	15	13	.....	723	72	16	10	2	30	1199	21	33	51	376	13	770 95	9,981 50	Robert Deig.
Classis of Ulster.....	15	21	.....	1454	47	46	40	1	44	2589	71	14	861	266	20	2,877 39	29,541 06	J. N. Voorhis.
Classis of Westchester.....	14	20	.....	1028	74	43	34	2	45	2077	54	21	334	563	15	3,722 82	27,763 23	C. K. Clearwater.
Classis of Wisconsin.....	22	14	.....	1573	98	115	106	9	34	2709	385	5	1893	17	2310	6,853 63	20,741 01	J. H. Karsten.
Total.....	33	516	569	3	44506	3868	2307	2382	95	1343	80156	3989	940	29399	28595	697	\$224,144 78	\$873,830 47	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of the several Particular Synods of our Church, and find in them nothing requiring the attention of this body.

In the Minutes of General Synod of June, 1882 (Art. XI., page 115), we find that the following resolution was laid over for one year :

“*Resolved*, That for the future, in the Synodical and Classi-
cal Minutes, the terms Vice-President and Treasurer be used
in place of the terms Adessor and Questor.”

We therefore recommend that this proposed change be now considered by General Synod.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

PETER MOERDYKE,

Chairman.

It was then *Resolved*, That the resolution laid over by the last General Synod be adopted.

OVERTURES.

The Committee of Seven appointed by the last General Synod (see p. 113), to whom was committed the memorial from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, with all the papers relating thereto, presented on the second day of the session the following report, which was accepted, and the consideration thereof was deferred until the Committee on Overtures should make their report :

Report of the Special Committee to whom were referred the “Memorial from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, with all the papers, and the reports of the majority and of the minority of the Committee on Overtures” thereupon, to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, convened in regular session at Albany, N. Y., June, 1883 :

The Committee, having carefully considered all the matters referred to them, *unanimously* beg leave respectfully to present the following report:

The Classis of Poughkeepsie presented to the General Synod, convened in regular session at Hudson, N. Y., June, 1881, a memorial relating to the Forms for the Administration of Holy Baptism, in which they ask for certain modifications of such Forms.

They sustain the petition of the memorial by the following considerations:

1. That the use of certain clauses referred to in the Form presents an obstacle to some persons in uniting with our Church.

2. That the language is ambiguous and variously interpreted.

3. That, by requiring assent to the language used, weak consciences are burdened.

4. That the change desired by them would bring the Forms more into accord with Holy Scripture.

This memorial was at that meeting of Synod referred to the Committee on Overtures, who made a report, which was adopted by the Synod.

In that report the Committee state:

1. That the action contemplated in the memorial is, to say the least, wholly unnecessary.

2. That it would not accomplish the desired end.

3. That it would be a dangerous precedent.

4. That, if not in fact a sign, it would be regarded as a sign of waning loyalty to our symbols of doctrine.

5. That it would wound and distress many more of God's elect than it would comfort and help.

Therefore the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Classis of Poughkeepsie have leave to withdraw their memorial.

The Classis of Poughkeepsie presented a second memorial on the same subject to the General Synod, convened in regular session at Schenectady, N. Y., June, 1882.

In this memorial the Classis express their satisfaction with the action of the Synod, which implies that the language of the second question is to be interpreted by the canon as mean-

ing incapable of any *saving good*, and ask that that explanation be appended to the Form.

They further ask that the clause, "All the articles, &c.," be explained as referring to the Apostles' Creed, as contained and taught in the Seventh Lord's Day of the Heidelberg Catechism.

The Classis enforce the prayer of their memorial by arguments based on the following grounds:

1, of *Scripture*; 2, of Reason; 3, of Expediency; 4, of Consistency; and 5, of Perspicuity.

The Classis also reply to the objections urged in the deliverance of Synod against granting their request, earnestly renew that request, and conclude with the reiterated assurance that they are impelled to take the course they do by an earnest, and loyal, and loving desire to promote the welfare of the Church.

This memorial, with all the papers on the subject, was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

On this memorial a majority of the Committee presented a report, signed by three members; a minority report was also presented, signed by one member; the remaining member of the Committee also presented a paper recommending that the whole subject be referred to a special committee, to report to the next General Synod.

The Synod resolved, that the memorial and all the papers relating to it be referred to a committee of seven, to report on the same to the next annual meeting of General Synod.

The Committee have very carefully read all the documents referred to them, and, on a review of the whole subject, find:

1. That the object sought to be attained by the memorialists is on many accounts desirable, and their petition supported by some plausible reasons.

2. That the General Synod of 1881 deemed the alterations in the Forms desired by the memorialists as "wholly unnecessary," and, if granted, would afford a "dangerous precedent," and would wound the consciences of many brethren.

3. That the majority report on the second memorial to the Synod of 1882, while regarding the request of the memorialists as uncalled for, and as asking what Synod should not grant, yet recommends that certain resolutions suggested in the report should be appended to the Forms as footnotes.

4. That the minority report, at the same time, recommends that the prayer of the memorialists be granted.

In view of the following facts:

1. The repeatedly expressed desire on the part of many that some explanation of the terms used in the Forms referred to be given by General Synod.

2. The fears entertained by some lest any change in the language of the Forms in our Liturgy might be misconstrued and, specially at the present time, give rise to charges of defection on the part of our Church from her historic and accredited standards.

3. That some explanations or alterations are recommended by both reports from the Committee on Overtures.

4. The General Synod of 1878 ordered certain documents to be printed in connection with our standards, "not as authoritative and imperative formulas, but as specimens embodying the sense of the Church in reference to the most edifying mode of rendering these services;" and among these approved Forms is one for the reception into full communion of those who have been baptized in infancy, which embraces only the Apostles' Creed.

And, further, believing that it is neither necessary nor to be expected that every candidate for admission to the full fellowship of the Church, of whose Christian character satisfactory evidence is afforded, should be able without further instruction to assent to all the doctrinal statements contained in our approved standards, or those of any other Church, such an assent, when required, must in many cases owing either to the age or attainments of the candidate, be given in form alone, and not with a clear and full understanding; and, moreover, being convinced that the settlement of this question will tend to the harmony and prosperity of the Church, the Committee unanimously recommend that no verbal alteration be made in either of the Forms referred to, but that they remain as they are. But, with a view to relieve weak or tender consciences and imperfectly instructed candidates, they recommend that a note be constitutionally appended to the Forms, to be read by any minister who may consider it expedient to do so when admitting any applicants who may not be able intelligently and heartily to answer in the affirmative all the questions as they

are now proposed, and they offer the following resolution for the approval of the General Synod:

Resolved, That the following question be added to the Forms used in the administration of baptism, viz: "*Is this your faith and are these your engagements, as far as you understand them in accordance with the Word of God; and do you express your earnest and sincere desire to be further instructed therein?*"

(Signed)

W. ORMISTON,
J. A. DE BAUN,
PETER S. DANFORTH,
C. I. SHEPARD,
DAVID COLE,
WM. H. KIRK,
T. CHALMERS EASTON.

New York, May 1st, 1883.

The Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was accepted, when the report of the Special Committee of Seven was called up, and the resolution recommended by them was read and considered. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolutions presented by the Committee on Overtures be substituted for the resolution of the Special Committee.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was then discussed and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully report:

I.—That your Committee have had referred to them a memorial from the Classis of Newark, transmitting a petition of the Board of Elders of Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J., asking that "some action be taken, looking toward the harmonization of the authorized Forms for admission into church membership of those not baptized in infancy, and of those who were then baptized." The particular difference pointed out is the requirement of a fuller doctrinal confession from adults applying for baptism, than from those who, as the baptized children of the Church, have been presumably more fully instructed, and regarding this as unjust, they ask "that if any changes be made, they be made in favor of the latter Form, which embodies the essential faith of the Church."

In coming to the consideration of this subject presented by

this memorial, we are materially aided by the light shed upon it, in the reports submitted to the General Synod of 1881, and 1882, and the action thereon, as well as the report of the special Committee submitted to this Synod.

It seems plain that in the Form for the administration of Baptism to adult persons, there occur expressions that are ambiguous, and which taken by themselves are often misunderstood, and because of this, seem to impose conditions of membership which the Church does not intend.

The relief prayed for by the memorialists will, in part at least, be met by the removal of these ambiguities. And this is readily done by comparing these expressions with those found in corresponding portions of the Standards and Liturgy. This work, we may further remark, has been done by previous committees, and little more remains for your committee to do, than to connect these explanatory statements with the appropriate places in the Form.

The expression "wholly incapable of any good" is one of the ambiguous expressions. The true intent and meaning of which, as was well pointed out in the able reports to the Synod of 1881 and 1882, is discoverable by reference to the "Canons," where in treating of "the corruption of man," the very similar expression occurs, "incapable of any saving good."

The sense in which "good" is employed in the Form, further appears by reference to the corresponding place in the Catechism, where good works are explained as "only those which proceed from a true faith, and are performed according to the law of God and to His Glory."

The ambiguity of the expression, "All the articles of the Christian Religion, as they are taught here in this Christian Church," viz: whether assent to all the doctrinal standards, or only to those fundamental articles of belief which are embodied in what is popularly known as the Apostle's Creed be intended, is altogether removed by reference to the Catechism's answer to the question, "What is then necessary for a Christian to believe?" viz: "All things promised us in the Gospel, which the Articles of our Catholic undoubted Christian faith briefly teach us." That the reference is to the articles of the Apostle's Creed is further manifest by a comparison of the Forms for the Administration of the Lord's Supper; and "the public reception into full communion of those who have been bap-

tized in infancy," both which make the confession of the articles of the Apostle's Creed, a confession of "the Catholic undoubted Christian faith."

These explanatory references would remove many of the difficulties flowing out from the ambiguity of these expressions, and we deem it desirable that they be appended to the Form. We accordingly so recommend.

The memorial we are considering, in asking that if any changes be made they may be made in favor of the "Form for the public reception into full communion of those who have been baptized in infancy," proves that the appending of explanatory footnotes to the older Form would not be a full meeting of the difficulty. The presence of expressions in that Form which cannot be altered in the public reading, though explained ever so satisfactorily in the footnotes, suggests the desirability of allowing at the option of the pastor and elder, the alternative use of the questions and answers of the later and briefer Form.

In recommending that this be allowed, we would emphasize what both the Forms recognize, that admission to the rite of baptism and to the communion of the Church, is not granted on condition of answering the questions proposed in the Form, but on the basis of a previous and private examination and confession. The candidate only comes to be baptized after the minister and elders have accepted as satisfactory his confession of faith, and declared him entitled to admission into the Church. This antecedent examination is alike in the case of one baptized in infancy and one who has not been, and we see no reason for insisting upon the use of one of the series of questions rather than the other, on the occasion of their public reception. In the case of those baptized in infancy, the use of either series is optional, and we deem it right that it should be equally so in the case of adults who receive baptism.

A chief end aimed at in the use of these Forms, is the instruction of the congregation as to what is required of one coming into the Church, and for this purpose, that Form which most clearly and least ambiguously expresses these requirements is to be preferred.

In some cases, both as respects the candidate and the congregation, there will arise no difficulty from the ambiguity of the expressions in the older Form, because full and thorough

Christian nurture will have made their meaning well understood and clear. But in other cases, they may be found, as they have been found, to be serious stumbling blocks and hindrances to the seeking of baptism, and the occasion of preventing truly converted persons from applying for admission to our churches.

We therefore think that liberty to use the questions of the later Form should be granted to pastors and churches where it may seem desirable. We accordingly, unanimously recommend the following Resolutions:

Resolved,

1. That after the sentence, "You are sincerely to give answer before God and His Church," in "the Form for the Administration of Holy Baptism to Adult Persons" shall be inserted a mark of reference directing attention to the following footnote, to wit:

The questions and answers of the Form for "the public reception into full communion of those who have been baptized in infancy," may at the option of ministers and elders be used in place of those contained in this Form.

2. That a mark of reference be inserted after the word "good" in the second question of the Form for the Administration of Holy Baptism to Adult Persons, referring to the following explanatory note, to wit:

That is, "incapable of any saving good;" Canons, Third and Fourth Heads of Doctrine, Art. 3. "Only those works which proceed from a true faith, and are performed according to the law of God and to His Glory, are good," Heid. Cat. xxxiii., Lord's Day, Question 91.

3. That a mark of reference be inserted after the word "Church" in the Fourth Question of the same Form, referring to the following explanatory note, to wit:

The articles spoken of are the Articles of the Apostle's Creed. See Heid. Cat. VII. Lord's Day, Quest. 22, and the Forms for "The Administration of the Lord's supper," and "the public reception into full communion of those who have been baptized in infancy.

4. That the Board of Publication be directed to have the plates of the Revised Liturgy amended in accordance with this action, and to incorporate these explanations in the copies of the Liturgy hereafter issued.

11.—Your Committee have had referred to them a memorial from the Classis of Wisconsin, expressing satisfaction with the position of Synod, as to the rights and privileges of the lower judicatories, but uttering once again in respectful terms a protest against the toleration of Masonry in any of our churches, and asking in view of the division of opinion on the subject, an inquiry into the nature, ceremonies, etc., of oath-bound secret societies. This is so entirely outside of the powers and prerogatives of General Synod, and withal so impracticable since no institution or society can be fairly judged merely from a one sided construction of its partially published ritual, and the needed testimony of Christian men is diametrically contradictory as to its tendencies and moral character, such a proposition cannot be entertained.

There has also been referred to us two papers with resolutions. One proposes the simple affirmation of past legislation as our final deliverance on this subject. This would be most congenial to the portions of the Church not disturbed by the agitation of this subject. The other proposes that somewhat more be done in the interest of peace and harmony.

Your Committee have given the whole subject their careful consideration, and while believing that past legislation embodies everything that can be justly asked or granted, yet as some churches are still troubled and distracted by controversy on this matter, in the interest of peace, and in the hope that the assurances of Western brethren, that the action we propose will do much to end the agitation of this subject, may be realized, we offer the following resolutions.

Resolved,

1. That General Synod reiterates the deliverances of previous synods, and calls especial attention to Resolutions 1 and 2 on this subject which embody the action of the General Synod of 1881, (Minutes, vol. 14, p. 733), and those of 1882, resolutions 1 and 2, (Minutes, vol. 15, p. 111.)

2. That we suggest to members of the Church, that out of regard to the fact that membership in Masonic and similar orders gives offense to many Christian consciences, and has become a fruitful source of injurious agitation and division in the Church, they, in accordance with the law of Christian love, refrain from connection with such societies.

3. That the General Synod regrets the course upon which
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some of our Western churches have entered in severing their connection with that historic Church, which should be regarded as the true home for Hollanders and their descendants, and in view thereof, and of the action now passed, the General Synod would earnestly admonish those who have severed their connection with our Church to return to her communion, and furthermore, the Synod would entreat all to cherish in their affections and remember in their prayers the Church which has so faithfully preserved its time-honored standards, and has clung so tenaciously thereto, while the mother church in the Old World has become unfaithful to her trust and untrue to her noble past.

III.—Your Committee have had referred to them three communications, which are the outgrowth of the action of the last Synod, as to the entertainment of the members.

The Classis of Monmouth and the Particular Synod of New Brunswick ask, in view of the burden of such entertainment, for a reduction of the ratio of representation to one minister and one elder for every ten churches. This would reduce by nearly one third the present size of the General Synod. Your Committee do not deem such reduction desirable, believing the body as at present constituted, is none too large for representative and deliberative purposes.

The Classis of Wisconsin asks, in view of the heavy burden upon the Western churches in attending the meetings of classes and the Particular Synod, and the fact that their ratio of membership to wealth is proportionately greater than that of the churches in the East, the action of last year be reconsidered, and if not repealed the apportionment be made on the basis of amount contributed for congregational purposes, rather than membership.

Your Committee are of one mind as to the probability that the time will come when the whole entertainment of the members of the Synod will be provided for by the contributions of the churches, but have been unable to find any middle ground between doing all or nothing in this matter. And believing that the Church is not yet ready to accept such an increase of the apportionment as would be adequate for defraying all the expense of entertainment, a majority of us unite in recommending the repeal of last year's resolution.

A portion of the Committee have felt it desirable to continue the experiment at least another year, on the basis of one third of one per cent. of the contributions for congregational purposes, but have not cared to present their views in a minority report. We submit the matter therefore to Synod, recommending the following resolution.

Resolved, That the action of the Synod of last year, found in Minutes, vol. 15, p. 178, be suspended until the further order of this body.

IV.—Your Committee have had referred to them a communication from the Classis of New Brunswick, requesting General Synod to direct the Classes to insert the dates of all ministerial and ecclesiastical changes in their reports to the several Particular Synods. The importance of this in view of the possible loss of the written records, and the difficulty of access to them is manifest; we recommend as follows:

Resolved, That henceforth the stated clerks of Classes be directed to include in their reports to the Particular Synods the dates of ministerial and ecclesiastical changes.

V.—In respect to the petition of Rev. N. D. Williamson, calling attention to the desirability of a uniform rule as to the numbers of members in our Sabbath Schools, we recommend that the total reported, shall be like that of the several State Sunday School Associations, inclusive of officers, teachers and scholars.

Resolved, That henceforth the heading of the second column in the Statistics of the Sabbath Schools shall be "Total Enrollment," and the numbers reported to the Classis as in the Sunday Schools shall include officers and teachers, as well as scholars.

VI.—As to the petition of Rev. N. F. Nickerson, asking for a clearer definition as to who are to be reported as catechumens, we do not think a clearer or more definite rule can be given than that furnished by the General Synod of 1866, viz: "By catechumens is to be understood only such as are regularly instructed in the catechisms recognized by the Church." (Minutes of G. S., vol. 11, p. 80). We therefore merely call the attention of consistories to this deliverance.

DISPENSATIONS.

VII.—1. The Classis of Paramus overtures anew, after a re-examination of the case, for a dispensation from the requirement of a professorial certificate, in order to the examination for licensure of Mr. John Smith. The report to Classis of its committee satisfies us that it is proper. We therefore recommend that it be granted.

2. The case of Herman H. Shook, presented by the North Classis of Long Island, has received the committee's careful attention, and we recommend that a dispensation be granted also in his case, permitting the Classis to proceed in his examination for licensure.

3. Applications have been made from the North Classis of Long Island, in the cases of J. Frank Edge Kavanagh, Elbert S. Porter, Jr., and E. Deyo Van Dyck; and from the Classis of New York, in the cases of James F. King, and Edwin F. Murgatroyd, all of whom have taken full theological courses, but for seemingly sufficient reasons elsewhere than at New Brunswick, for dispensations from the required professorial certificate. We recommend that these applications be granted.

4. The Classis of Arcot asks a dispensation, that they may proceed to the examination with view to license and ordination of the catechists, A. Masillamony and P. Souri. We recommend that their request be also granted.

5. The Classis of Bergen ask a dispensation for Jacob Gantz and John Staehli, in respect to whom the Classis and the professors at New Brunswick give such testimony as induced us to recommend that this request be also granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. DRURY,
E. P. LIVINGSTON,
A. DEW. MASON,
THOS. M. WARD,
ELIJAH DUBOIS.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Resolved, That for the future, in Synodical and Classical Minutes, the terms Vice-President and Treasurer be used in place of the terms Adessor and Questor.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Fifty-first Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, together with the Treasurer's Annual Report, and referred to the Committee on Education, the part relating to vacancies being referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The following report from Rev. A. Buursma, member of the Board of Trustees of the North-Western Classical Academy, was received and referred to the Committee on Education :

To the Synod convened at Albany, June 6, 1883 :

Since no Report has been received from the Board of Trustees of the North-Western Classical Academy, I would respectfully submit the following as a member of that Board :

In the first place, I would state that the resolution of Synod of last year, respecting the advisability of an Institution of Higher Education in the North-Western part of Iowa, or in the vicinity of Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa, has been received with gratitude by our churches in that region and by the North-West in general, as far at least as they know and love our Church. We feel and have felt for some time that such an institution, under the control of our Church, is important

for the education of our youth not only, but also indispensable for the extension of our Church in the further West.

Let me here remind Synod that Orange City, the center of a large and growing settlement in North-Western Iowa, is over six hundred miles west of Hope College, and from seventy-five to a hundred miles from any kind of institution of higher education. But we have in that settlement alone four growing churches, with the prospect of a fifth in the near future; that of Orange City alone has considerable over two hundred families, and between three and four hundred members in full communion, with many, very many young people. (Allow me to say that the baptisms of infants in that church alone averages over sixty every year.) Then in a number of other localities around that center, especially in Dakota, we have the very best prospects for growth of our Church. In some places churches have already been organized, and in others people are waiting for the appointed committees to do so.

Besides becoming a feeder to Hope College, such an institution could also be the means of supplying our common schools with such teachers as might again become an influence for good to the Church and to the School. Twenty-two of the seventy-five common schools of our county do exclusively belong to our Holland settlement, but many of our teachers are Roman Catholic, because no others can be had. And this is no less true of surrounding counties. Truly, here is an opportunity for our Church such as but seldom offers itself.

By taking this in hand in good earnest, our Church may exercise an influence for much good in that surrounding country, which, for the richness of its soil, has, in the Agricultural Report of the United States Commissioner been called "the garden of America." Though not of the first importance, still it is not to be overlooked, that our Church in the far West can become strong numerically not only, but also financially. Hence, the churches here may become, and are evidently destined to become, a strong support to our benevolent institutions.

But you ask: What has been done with reference to the resolution of last Synod? I reply: A Board of Trustees has been chosen, and as such has been duly incorporated, a constitution and by-laws have been adopted and approved by the

Classis of Illinois and by the Board of Education; grounds for building have been secured, and some promises of money have been made. Besides that, efforts have been made to secure a principal, though not as yet with success. We had hoped to procure the services of Rev. Abraham Thompson, but failed. Lately Rev. De Spelder, of Macon, Mich., has been called, but he has not yet decided. One of the objections he has is, that besides taking charge of this institution, he is also required to perform missionary labor among the American population of Orange City and vicinity. Though willing to perform the labor, he feels that the work of the school is too important to be thus divided. He intimated that in order to make this enterprise a success, so much labor will be connected with it to build up such an institution, that he should sooner need an assistant, than to divide his time and attention.

Let me here add, that already for over two years a number of young men have been receiving instruction in languages and other higher branches from the principal of our graded school, Mr. Van Zanten, a graduate of Hope College, with the view and in the hope that ere long an institution of higher learning would be established in that place. There are about a dozen young men who have thus been instructed, so that we will next fall be able to commence with three classes. It seems somewhat providential that Synod last year of its own accord acted on this subject just in accordance with what by us was felt to be the great want of our part of the Church.

It will, however, be seen that in order to make this important enterprise a success, it is of the utmost importance that provision for the salary of the principal, which is one thousand dollars, should be made by the Board of *Education* alone, instead of a part being paid by the Board of Domestic Missions, that all his attention may be directed to *that* work.

And it would be still better if an additional sum could be appropriated for an assistant. We verily believe that there is no place where the same amount of money can produce so great results as it can here do in such an institution in the far West, entirely under the control of the Church, where there are so many bright young men craving instruction.

At the same time we would request Synod for a recommendation to the churches to collect some money for building purposes. If two or three thousand dollars could be secured from

the churches in the East, we also see our way clear, in view of the promises that have already been made, to secure that amount in property and money from our settlement. We are in *earnest* and have made up our minds to *prove* it—since we feel that the welfare of our Church demands it.

Therefore, brethren, we beseech you to pass such action, that we may begin with such a teaching force, seeing we have the young men and young women that it may command the respect of all the country around, where so many of Americans as well as of Hollanders have so long been waiting and hoping for such an institution. Let us so act that our Church may secure and hold the field.

Respectfully submitted.

A. BUURSMAN.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Fifty-first Annual Report of the Board of Education of the Reformed Church, referred to your Committee, is a document so concise, clear and comprehensive that it cannot be abbreviated without impairing its strength. Its statements are encouraging not only but exhibit the diligence and prudence of the Board in administering the trusts committed to its care. As copies of this Annual Report are in the hands of the General Synod, and will be widely distributed, it remains for your Committee to offer a few suggestions, with one or two comments.

The Board laments that efforts in certain quarters are constantly being made to excite prejudice against the system of Beneficiary Education. This is so large and so important a subject that it cannot be discussed here. The prejudice, however, is against Christianity itself, which is wholly a beneficiary system ; its benefits being neither purchased nor purchasable. It is a direct resistance of the life, spirit and scope of the Evangelical Church, which, with manifold forms of self-denial, suffering and self-abnegation, labors to give the Gospel to all classes and to all nations. It quarrels with the law of progress and of historic development. For the venerated institutions of learning, which extend their influence far and wide, are Beneficiary Institutions. Their foundations, endowments and apparatus of every sort were gifts whose accumulations may be and are enjoyed by the children of the rich as well as of the poor. Col-

leges and Universities are not supported by moneys paid for tuition therein, so that their every student is a beneficiary, and the designation itself applies to all who in any way receive benefits from Christian benefactors who have established Churches, Academies, Libraries, Seminaries, &c.

Now, if a young man enters upon the study of the law or of medicine he expects, sooner or later, to reap large emoluments. What he pays for his education is hardly more than a financial investment. He can afford to borrow money, backed by a life insurance, with the reasonable hope of soon returning the same with interest.

It is not so with students for the sacred ministry, they are precluded from the start from thinking of material gains or transient honors. They must consent to be poor for the sake of making many rich. Though they may spend thousands of dollars cheerfully on their own education, still they must not look for a return in kind. True, they may have abundant compensations and exquisite satisfactions in Christian service, yet they must not aim to grow rich by the preaching of the Gospel of Grace. The three so-called liberal professions, requiring a high style of education, do not all stand, then, in the same relations. The Church is a teacher, and it must teach all nations so far as it has ability and opportunity. For its great and sublime work it requires consecrated men and women who will relinquish the hope of wealth, ease, and worldly honor for Christ's sake and the Gospel.

They who make an outcry against the system of Beneficiary Education do not understand the genius of Christianity, nor the high office of a kingdom not of this world.

Occasionally, now and then, here or there, Boards of Education may be disappointed in the outcome of their care for certain individuals, and this cannot be avoided. Your Committee, therefore, are of the opinion that the system of extending help to pious and qualified young men, having in view the Gospel ministry, ought to be pressed forward; that pastors, consistories and churches should encourage and support it. From all sides we hear the cry for more men for the vineyard. How are they to be raised up unless the Church, in all its parts and branches, shall seek for those who, under proper training, shall become able and faithful ministers of the Word.

Our Board reports itself as having been able to reduce its debt

somewhat, but still it is owing now, at the beginning of a new year, over six thousand dollars. No one can accuse the Board of any extravagance. Its faithful, laborious, experienced and successful secretary serves the great cause he loves for less than a supporting salary, with expenses limited to the minimum. Your Committee observe that the Missionary Boards appeal with pathetic earnestness for more men to carry forward their enlarging work. How can the men be supplied if the Board of Education is neglected?

The following resolutions are submitted:

1. That this Synod commends its Board of Education to the confidence and generous support of the entire membership of our Church.

2. That it regards the work of this Board as a preliminary essential to all our Evangelical enterprises at home or abroad.

3. That the Board be authorized and urged to assist Hope College to regain its former strength and ensure its enlarging usefulness.

4. This Synod reaffirms the wisdom of the policy begun of establishing Academies under classical care, and would earnestly solicit for the Board all needed means for the making strong the North-Western Academy, no less than that under the care of the Classis of Bergen.

ELBERT S. PORTER, *Chairman*.

ROBERT DOIG,

WM. H. HOFFMAN.

Albany, June 13, 1883.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board:

Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D. Elder F. J. Hosford.

“ J. G. Van Slyke, D.D. “ Johnson Letson.

“ G. H. Mandeville, D.D. “ Lawrence Vanderveer.

“ T. W. Wells. “ Thomas Jessup.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The Sabbath School has become of vital importance to the Church, and in the Providence of God, is materially affecting its progress and moulding its character; and

Whereas, It is highly desirable to maintain our Sabbath Schools as nurseries of the Church, and secure to them such instruction as shall tend, not only to preserve sound doctrine,

but also the distinctive doctrines of the Reformed Church; and

Whereas, Differences of opinion exist as to the extent of the jurisdiction of Consistories over the Sabbath Schools of the respective churches, in matters of oversight and control; therefore

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the General Synod of 1830, be, and it is hereby reaffirmed in words following, to wit: "That it be recommended to the several ministers and consistories in our Church, where it is not already the case, to take the school or schools belonging to their churches and congregations under their oversight and care."

Resolved, That ministers and officers of the Church, and parents be urged to use all proper means to induce the children of the Sabbath School to attend the services of God's house.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three ministers and two elders be appointed to take the subject of students for the ministry into consideration, as it relates to our denomination, in view of the past history of the cause, the present facilities and inducements to secure the consecration of the children of the Church, and the fixing of responsibility as to the influences which exist in favor of or disparaging to the cause.

Further, that the said committee report to the next Synod, also furnish a copy of the same to the Board of Education as soon as ready, to be used by said Board at its discretion.

The Committee is as follows: Revs. David Cole, E. S. Porter, U. D. Gulick, and Elders R. N. Perlee and John D. Prince.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Council of Hope College, was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate. It is as follows:

Seventeenth Annual Report of the Council of Hope College at Holland, Michigan. Adopted April 27, 1883.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Council of Hope College respectfully submits the following:

I.—MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

At the meeting in June, 1882, eleven members were present. The following officers were elected for the year:

Rev. John H. Karsten, *President*; Rev. Egbert Winter, *Adsector*; Rev. Peter Lepeltak, *Secretary*; Prof. C. Doesburg, *Treasurer*; Revs. N. M. Steffens, D. Broek, P. Lepeltak and I. Cappon, Esq., *Executive Committee*.

At the meeting held April 25–27, 1883, twelve members were present.

II.—PRESIDENT.

Prof. Chas. Scott was re-elected Provisional President for another year.

III.—STUDENTS.

The number of students in the Academic Department of the College is 24, as follows: Seniors, 8; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 5; Freshmen, 7.

The number in the Preparatory Department has been 95; 25 of whom are young ladies; 38 are in the “D” class.

This is the largest number ever reported, and a larger proportion propose to take a full Classical course.

Deportment is reported as good. Prayer meetings and the Christian Association have been maintained and considerable mission S. S. work has been performed.

The Annual Commencement was held at Hope Church on the evening of June 28, 1882, when the following graduated with the degree of A.B.: J. W. Bosman, Geerhard de Jonge, Pieter Ihrmann, Philip Phelps, Jr., John E. Matzke, Chas. Theo. Steffens, Miss Sarah G. Alcott and Miss Francis F. C. Phelps.

The degree of A.M. was bestowed upon Messrs. D. J. de Bey, Elias de Spelder, K. Kimura, Geo. Niemeyer, Moto Ohgimi and Ame Vennema. Honorary degree of A.M. was conferred on Herman N. Dosker, of Grand Rapids.

The examinations of the other classes were attended by a Committee of Council and were well sustained—and suitable diplomas given to 16 Graduates from the Preparatory Department.

IV.—LIBRARY.

By both purchase and gift valuable additions have been made to the Library during the year—365 bound volumes and

many periodicals and pamphlets. The principal donors have been Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D., the "Sage Library," and the "Christian Intelligencer," in the East; and Rev. J. W. Beardslee, Rev. N. D. Williamson, Prof. C. Doesburg, Hon. G. W. Webber and T. B. Church, Esq., in the West. Increased accommodations are greatly needed.

V.—DE HOPE.

De Hope, by special contract, has been transferred for two years to a committee.

VI.—FINANCES.

CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April, 1882.....	\$200 45
Interest from the Board of Direction.....	1,298 23
" " Permanent Fund.....	1,113 43
" " Alumni Notes.....	137
" " Ebenezer Fund.....	742 96
Student's Fees.....	1,169 25
Appropriations from the Board of Education.....	2,750
Donations from Churches and Individuals.....	976 15
Rents from Real Estate.....	204 50
Home Insurance Co., (Loss by Fire).....	51 21
Returned to Treasury from Debt Account.....	21 29
Total.....	\$8,664 47

EXPENSES.

Salaries of Professors and Teachers.....	\$6,981
Services of Janitor.....	260
Expenses of Council.....	91 65
" " Treasury.....	115 31
Fuel and Light.....	134 97
School Requisites.....	17 60
School Furniture.....	298 78
Printing, Catalogues, etc.....	76 75
Commencement expenses.....	3 35
Building Account.....	123 88
Sundries.....	44 75
Taxes.....	186 18

Special Street Tax (12th Street).....	\$110 95
Paid to Library Fund,.....	139 27
Paid to Mrs. Dr. Anderson Scholarship.....	80
Balance on hand April, 1883.....	03
Total.....	<u>\$8,664 47</u>

CONTINGENT FUND.

FOR DEBT.

RECEIPTS.

Special Donations for this purpose.....	\$168 50
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EXPENSES.

Balance of Interest to Mrs. Van Olinda.....	\$15
On account of Interest still due Dr. Phelps.....	62 21
Interest on \$1,000, due to Board of Benevolence....	70
Returned to Contingent Fund on account of \$32.15— loaned, as per last report.....	21 29
Total.....	<u>\$168 50</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April, 1882.....	\$335
In payment of Bond of Judge Lott.....	1,000
Return of Loans.....	200
In payment of "Charter Endowment Notes".....	55
In payment of Notes to "Alumni Fund".....	225
Endowment Donation, 1st Church of Grand Haven,	12
On account of a Scholarship of \$500 by Mr. H. D. C. Van Asmus, of Grand Rapids.....	50
Total.....	<u>\$1,877</u>

EXPENSES.

Paid to the Investment Committee.....	\$1,330
Balance on hand and uninvested.....	547
Total.....	<u>\$1,877</u>

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand April, 1882.....	\$6 35
From the Contingent Fund (see last report).....	139 27
Interest on Library Fund.....	14
Donation from Mr. S. B. Schieffelin for Papers....	9 15
Total.....	<u>\$168 77</u>

EXPENSES.

Purchase of Books, through Rev. J. W. Beardslee..	\$73 52
“ “ “ “ Prof. Chas. Scott.....	19 88
Periodicals through “ “ “	5
“ “ “ Mr. S. B. Schieffelin.....	9 15
Express and Freight.....	6 90
Balance on hand April, 1883.....	54 31
Total.....	<u>\$168 77</u>

THE MRS. DR. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP.

The Treasurer furnishes an account of this Scholarship, from the beginning, Jan. 1st, 1878.

*Interest from Jan. 1st, 1878, to Jan. 1st, 1879.....	\$70
“ “ “ 1879, “ “ 1880.....	100
“ “ “ 1880, “ “ 1881 (\$100 less \$30 for Insurance).....	70
Total.....	<u>\$240</u>
Paid Chas. Dutton, Oct. 1st, 1879—April 1st, 1881,	150
Balance.....	<u>\$90</u>

(See Minutes of G. S., June 1881, Page 744.)

Interest Jan., 1881 to Nov. 15, 1881 (Mortgage paid),	87 50
Total.....	<u>\$177 50</u>

* By an error this is given in the Council's Report of 1880 as \$100 (Minutes of G. S., June, 1880. Page 548.) It should have been, as above, \$70.00.

Invested by order of Council on Second Scholarship,

May 6, 1882.....	\$100
Paid Chas. Dutton, April 1, 1881, to July 1, 1881..	25
“ R. Bloemendaal, Oct. 1, 1881, to April 1, 1882,	40
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Total Expenses.....	\$165
Leaving a Balance of.....	12 50
Interest from Nov. 15, 1881, to Jan. 1, 1883.....	80
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Total Receipts.....	\$92 50
Paid R. Bloemendaal, April 1, 1882, to April 1, 1883,	80
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Balance April 1, 1883.....	\$12 50

Both Scholarships are well secured, and are now drawing interest at seven per cent.

LIABILITIES.

Due to Board of Benevolence,.....\$1,000

CASH BALANCE.

Balance of Contingent Fund.....	\$ 03
“ “ Permanent Fund, uninvested.....	547
“ “ Library Account.....	54 31
“ “ the Mrs. Dr. Anderson Scholarship.....	12 50
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	\$613 84

INVESTMENTS.

Balance of “Charter Endowment Notes” (not all available).....	\$10,276
Abbe Fund.....	5,000
Other Mortgages.....	9,990
Virginia Investments.....	1,626
Mrs. Dr. Anderson Scholarship, No. 1.....	1,000
“ “ “ “ No. 2.....	100.
Individual Notes.....	400
In <i>De Hope</i> and Printing Office.....	7,724 50
Waiting Investment.....	547
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Total.....	\$36,663 50

A Charter Endowment Note of \$300 has been lost in the settlement of an estate, and is deducted above.

The Mortgages are paying regular interest, at from 7 to 8 per cent., but the End't Notes and the Printing Office yield but a small income.

VII.—MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

The term of office of Mr. H. P. Allen expired last year; and that of Rev. E. P. Livingston, D.D., expires this year. The General Synod is requested to appoint representatives to fill their places.

VIII.—NEEDS OF THE COLLEGE.

We very much need addition to our apparatus; and also larger and more suitable accommodations for recitations. In view thereof we ask General Synod for authority to occupy the whole brick building—to be called “Van Vleck Hall”—for such purposes as Faculty and Council may deem desirable and determine.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

In general the condition and prospects of the Institution are encouraging. Our hearts were gladdened by the munificent donation of Mr. G. Kouwenhoven, which has been already acknowledged. The fact that \$13,000 have been added to invested funds is cause for gratitude.

Our prayer is that the General Synod will manifest the same paternal care it has shown in the past—and that the churches will take increasing interest in an Institution, with which are intimately connected the prospects of the Reformed Church in the West.

A true copy of Report,

P. LEPELTAK, *Secretary*.

The subject of theological instruction at Hope College was presented to the consideration of Synod, in a paper by Rev. Artemas Dean, who offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod appoint a special committee to report at this session, as to the advisability of organizing a department of theological instruction at the West at an early day.

The resolution was adopted, and the following committee was appointed: Revs. Artemas Dean, A. G. Vermilye, Henry (8)

E. Dosker, and Elders Abm. C. Wood and Peter Tallman.

The Committee presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

Your Committee, appointed to consider the advisability of organizing a Department of Theological Instruction at the West, respectfully report the following :

In the report of the Committee on the Professorate, to the General Synod in 1869, is presented an account of the status of the Department of Theology in its relation to Hope College. We quote a few sentences from that report :

“ Hope College is located at Holland, Michigan. It is now sustained, and probably for some time will be, very largely, if not mostly, by the Hollanders. But the Hollanders have no sympathy with a merely literary institution. They will not support it. They say so, and reiterate it in their various communications to the General Synod. It is a *Theological School* they principally want. The Seminary, in permanent connection with the College, is, therefore, vital to the continued existence of Hope College.

“ Coming now to Hope College, as already founded, we find it, by its very charter, already complete. It is to provide the *usual course of study in connection with some evangelical, religious instruction, according to the standards of our Church.* The Council *may, at their option, conduct a Theological Department.* So says the charter. The Council is appointed by General Synod directly from its Western Ministry and Churches. The funds are under full and absolute control of General Synod. It is General Synod’s Theological College.”

At the meeting of General Synod in 1878, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Professorate, it was resolved that the President of Hope College, the Professor of Theology and the several members of the Faculty be requested to place their resignation of their respective positions in the hands of a Special Committee of three, appointed for this purpose, to take effect at such time as the said Committee shall designate.

At the meeting of General Synod in June, 1879, the above Committee reported that the members of the Faculty had sent in their respective resignations, and that those of President

Phelps and Professor Crispell were to take effect July 1, 1878, and those of the remaining members of the Faculty July 1, 1879.

For the space of about five years the Theological Department in Hope College has been suspended, and candidates for the ministry from our Holland brethren have had their Theological training in other Seminaries. Your Committee are informed that at the present time five young men, members of our Holland Churches, are pursuing their studies in connection with the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Chicago. It is evident to us, on careful inquiry, that if our present foothold at the West is to be maintained, and if we are to keep pace in our progress with sister Churches of other names, the time has already arrived for the resuscitation of the Department of Theology at Hope College. We learn from our Western brethren that they are passing through a most perilous crisis; that the question whether they shall have at an early day theological instruction at the West is, in their view, a question of life or death; and that they stand ready to do their part in supplying the funds needed for the prosecution of the work, with the desire and expectation that their Eastern brethren will co-operate with them and share their burden.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption by the Synod of the following resolution:

Resolved, That theological instruction at Hope College be resumed in the autumn of 1884, provided that the churches belonging to the Synod of Chicago obtain funds which, when added to the sum now under the care of the Board of Direction for that purpose, will fully endow the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Resolved, That on the above condition the Particular Synod of Chicago have the privilege of recommending the occupant of such chair subject to the approval of General Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a Special Committee, whose duty it shall be to take the matter into careful consideration and report, if possible, to the next General Synod some feasible plan in harmony with the preceding resolutions for the resumption of adequate theological instruction at Hope College.

A. DEAN *Chairman.*

The following were appointed the Committee : Revs. A. P. Van Gieson, N. M. Steffens, Henry E. Dosker, and Elders T. R. Westbrook and John C. Newkirk.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the Professorate would respectfully report:

The following papers have been placed in their hands :

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

2. The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary grounds and property.

3. Several communications from Classes nominating members of the Board of Superintendents.

4. A report of the Committee of Co-operation, with the Professors, on the selection of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library.

5. A communication from the Rev. Professor John De Witt, of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, in relation to the duties of his Professorship.

6. The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Council of Hope College at Holland, Michigan.

7. A communication from the Council of Hope College calling attention to two vacancies in said Council to be filled by General Synod.

The Committee has also had referred to it a communication from the Professors of the Theological Seminary in reference to salaries.

Since, however, the matters to which the communication refers have been referred also to the Committee on the Board of Direction in another form, the Committee on the Professorate respectfully request that they be discharged from further consideration of the Professorial communication, and recommend that the paper in question be referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

[The paper was so referred.]

I. The report of the Board of Superintendents shows that the Seminary has been in successful operation during the year.

There have been in attendance ten (10) students in the Senior Class ; seventeen (17) in the Middle Class, and ten (10) in the Junior Class ; thirty-seven (37) in all. A smaller number by eight (8) than was reported last year.

The results of the examinations were satisfactory, and the members of the Senior Class were recommended for professorial certificates. Public commencement exercises were held, in which the students participated. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this Synod reiterates the oft-repeated expressions of confidence in our Theological Seminary, and that the sons of our Church having the Gospel ministry in view be urged to attend its lectures rather than to go elsewhere for theological instruction.

Resolved, That, in view of the decrease in the number of students in theology, which is noted in other seminaries as well as our own, pastors be urged to set forth before pious young men, with greater earnestness, the claims of the Gospel ministry, and the Churches be exhorted to pray more earnestly that the Lord of the harvest may send more laborers into the field.

II. The death is announced of Peter A. Voorhees, a member of the Board of Superintendents. He was Elder-at-large from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick. A brother beloved and useful. He has frequently been an elder delegate to this body. His call came suddenly, but found him ready for an entrance into life.

His place in the Board must be filled by this Synod.

The ministerial vacancies are in the Classes of Albany, Arcot, Bergen, Grand River, Greene, Holland, Kingston, South Long Island, Monmouth, Newark, New York, Saratoga, Schenectady, Ulster, Westchester, Paramus.

The following nominations to fill vacancies have been sent in by the Classes :

<i>Bergen</i>	Rev. Isaac E. House.
<i>Greene</i>	Rev. John B. Thompson.
<i>Holland</i>	Rev. Balster Van Ness.
<i>Kingston</i>	Rev. John B. Church.
<i>South Long Island</i>	Rev. Uriah D. Gulick.
<i>Monmouth</i>	Rev. W. H. Phraner.

<i>Newark</i>	Rev. David Waters.
<i>New York</i>	Rev. J. H. Oerter.
<i>Schenectady</i>	Rev. W. E. Griffis.
<i>Ulster</i>	Rev. W. A. Shaw.
<i>Westchester</i>	Rev. David Cole.
<i>Paramus</i>	Rev. C. E. Crispell.

Your Committee offer to the General Synod the following nominations from Classes which have made none for themselves:

<i>Albany</i>	Rev. Andrew M. Arcularius.
<i>Arcot</i>	Rev. John W. Conklin.
<i>Grand River</i>	Rev. Henry E. Dosker.
<i>Saratoga</i>	Rev. Selah W. Strong.

We also nominate for Elder-at-large, from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in place of Peter A. Voorhees, deceased, Lawrence Vanderveer.

We recommend that all these nominations be confirmed.

III. The Board of Superintendents have embodied in their report of proceedings certain suggestions with reference to the Theological Seminary.

Your Committee submit them in almost the same language as the original resolutions, and recommend their adoption by General Synod :

Resolved, That hereafter the oldest Professor in service in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick be styled "Dean of the Seminary," and to him shall be entrusted the discipline of the Institution, according to such regulations as may be agreed upon by the Faculty.

Resolved, That, in order to secure a full representation of Classes in the Board of Superintendents, whenever a member of the Board shall remove out of the bounds of the Classis which he has been chosen to represent, the said Classis may temporarily fill the vacancy. Such appointments to expire at the next meeting of the General Synod.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three ministers and two elders be appointed to confer with the Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and report to the next General Synod.

First, A new classification of the curriculum, which students are required to pursue.

Second, An accurate definition of the duties of the several Professors, according to the new arrangement.

Third, The feasibility of a fourth year of study.

Your Committee would name the following as members of this Select Committee on the Theological Seminary.

Rev. T. W. Chambers. Frederick T. Frelinhuisen.

“ E. A. Collier. Wm. H. Crosby.

“ M. H. Hutton.

IV. From the report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary grounds and property it appeared that repairs and improvements have been made in the Peter Hertzog Hall, James Snyder Hall and the Professorial residences.

A fifth Professorial residence is approaching completion.

All these expenditures have been met by funds in hand, as appears by the statement of their Treasurer, annexed to the report. To the oversight of all these works the members of the Committee have given their personal attention.

The report speaks with deep regret and tenderness of the great loss sustained by the Church through the death of Gardner A. Sage, a member of the Standing Committee, and a firm friend and benefactor of the Theological Seminary.

We offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the thanks of General Synod and of the whole Church are due, and are hereby given, to the members of the Standing Committee on the Seminary grounds and property for their zealous, indefatigable and self-denying labors in the care of the important interests entrusted to them.

Resolved, That we would put on record our appreciation of the munificent gifts and valuable services, continued through many years, of that faithful servant of God, whose liberality has given his name to a noble building connected with the Theological Seminary.

Gardner A. Sage has been called to his reward. We deplore his loss, while we continue to enjoy the results of the works which follow him. He, being dead, yet speaketh in the successful soul-winning of men, whose power of usefulness has been increased within the silent alcoves he helped to fill. May He who knoweth the hearts of men, and controls every secret spring of action, stir up others to go and do likewise.

V. There is appended to the report of the Standing Committee

on the Seminary grounds and property a report thereupon by a Committee of the Board of Superintendents, to whom it was referred.

The suggestion is made that it would "very much aid the Board of Superintendents in forming a comprehensive and intelligent estimate of the work of the Standing Committee if their Annual Report to the Board should include a summary statement of the amount of money expended in their operations, and the several objects to which it is appropriated."

Your Committee find that the Standing Committee, being appointed by and directly responsible to the General Synod, have not deemed it necessary to make report of their financial operations to the Board of Superintendents. At the same time they are ready and willing to do so if directed by General Synod.

Since, therefore, we can all understand that exigencies may arise in which it will be well that the Board of Superintendents should be fully informed of all the facts concerning the Seminary property.

The following action is recommended :

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Seminary grounds and property be instructed hereafter to append the statement of their Treasurer to the Annual Report submitted to the Board of Superintendents.

VI. There are two vacancies in the Standing Committee on Seminary grounds and property which must be filled at this session of the General Synod.

In place of Gardner A. Sage, deceased, we nominate William H. Jackson.

The term of service of Mr. S. H. Wheeler having expired we recommend his reappointment.

VII. The report of the Committee of co-operation with the Professors of the Theological Seminary in the selection of books for the Library in the Gardner A. Sage building presents a list of the most valuable publications added during the year, and a general classification of over one thousand (1,000) volumes placed on the shelves since last report. About six hundred pamphlets have also been received, being mainly sermons and addresses by alumni of our Institutions.

We fully endorse the recommendation of those who have given their ripe scholarship to the selection of books, that the

library receive a larger share of attention from the liberal donors of the Reformed Church.

We would call attention also of ministers and churches, publishing historical sketches or memorial discourses, to the desirability of depositing copies for preservation in the Library. It is desirable also that ministers and other sons of our Church should, as far as possible, contribute copies of their own publications.

We recommend that the Committee of co-operation be continued.

With reference to the use of the Library we offer the following :

Resolved, That while the Library in the Gardner A. Sage building is primarily intended for the use of our professors and students in theology its privileges should be extended as widely as is consistent with this end and with the interests of the Library.

Resolved, That hereafter, as a tribute to the memory of Gardner A. Sage, its most liberal benefactor, the Library as well as the building be called by his name.

VIII. A communication from Professor John De Witt renews the urgent appeal made to the last General Synod, with reference to the inadequacy in the provision for instruction in Biblical learning at the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. He returns thanks to the General Synod for the promptitude and heartiness of their response by resolution appointing Rev. T. W. Chambers to give instruction in Biblical Literature for a year. Much to his regret this appointment was inoperative, owing to the fact that no funds for the purpose were provided.

The communication still further announces that, "By his last will and testament, Mr. Gardner A. Sage (deceased August 22, 1882) has secured to the General Synod \$50,000 for the endowment of a Professorship in the Theological Seminary." We are informed by his executors that, without a doubt, if the principal would not be paid one year from the testator's death the lawful interest thereupon from that date will be realized. Inasmuch as Mr. Sage has not prescribed what the new Professorship shall be, the General Synod may, if it please, almost immediately supply the greatest need of our Seminary, as fully recognized by the last Synod.

The communication gives divers reasons why relief should be given in the department of Biblical Literature rather than in other departments, and concludes with the hope that "since, in the Providence of God, the opportunity is now put within her reach the Church will not be found wanting.

Your Committee sympathize most heartily with Professor De Witt in his timely appeal.

Although it is not desirable that a fifth professor should be elected until the principal of this munificent legacy be paid in full to the Treasurer of General Synod ; and although, in the judgment of your Committee, the Professorship should not be founded until the endowment be raised to a sum sufficient to yield an income of \$3,000, nevertheless partial relief may be temporarily given to the Department of Biblical Literature by the use of a portion of the income from the endowment.

We offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the General Synod has received with great interest the communication from the Professor of Biblical Literature, and that we fully agree with him concerning the importance of more thoroughly furnishing the Department of Biblical Literature in our Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That in case the legacy of Gardner A. Sage be paid before the first of December next, and in case the Board of Direction deem it consistent with the terms of the legacy, the President and stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents be directed to arrange with the Faculty of the Seminary for additional instruction in Hebrew or Greek during the coming winter by one or more accredited ministers of our Church.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorized to pay for such instruction a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars upon the order of the President of the Board of Superintendents.

Resolved, That this legacy, instead of discouraging further gifts, should be an incentive to the whole Church to renewed exertions in behalf of our ancient School of the Prophets.

Especially should the approaching centennial year be made the occasion of liberal gifts, so that every Professorship may be placed upon a solid foundation. Whatever exercises may be arranged by the Committee on Centennial Celebration we should not omit to lay at the feet of our sacred Alma Mater the gifts and gatherings of her faithful children.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be empowered, at their discretion, to employ an agent to present the claims of the Theological Seminary before the Church, and to work in harmony with the Committee on Endowments, appointed by the Synod of 1881 and continued by the Synod of 1882.

Resolved, That the Committee on Centennial Endowment, appointed by the General Synod of 1881 (see minutes, pp. 755, 761) and re-organized by the General Synod of 1882 (see minutes, pp. 129, 130), be urged to prompt and vigorous effort, by such methods as they may deem most expedient, not involving expense to General Synod, toward increasing the Permanent Seminary Fund to such extent that on or before the hundredth anniversary of the Seminary, occurring in 1884, the said fund may furnish income sufficient to provide just and adequate compensation for the Professors.

Resolved, That said Committee be instructed to report progress to the next General Synod.

IX. The Council of Hope College reports in substance :

Regular meetings of the Council were held June, 1882, and April, 1883.

Prof. Charles Scott was re-elected Provisional President for another year.

There have been twenty-four (24) students in the Academic Department and ninety-five (95) in the Preparatory Department. Eight (8) students were graduated June, 1882, with the degree of A.B. Sixteen (16) diplomas were given to the graduates from the Preparatory Department.

Substantial additions have been made to the library at a cost of \$168.77.

De Hope has been transferred for two years to a committee.

The expenses of the year have been fully met by the income, leaving, however, a balance of only three cents.

Special donations for the Contingent Fund have also been received to the amount of \$168.50, and the Permanent Fund has been increased by \$1,877.

The only liabilities are the \$1,000 due to the Board of Benevolence.

The invested funds amount to \$36,663.80.

The pressing needs of the College are an addition to apparatus and larger and more suitable accommodations for recitations. To supply the latter need the Council asks General

Synod for "authority to occupy the whole brick building to be called Van Vleck Hall for such purposes as Faculty and Council may deem desirable and determine."

In general, the condition and prospects of the Institution are encouraging. The special gift of Mr. Garret Kouwenhoven, of Newtown, Long Island, made at the last meeting of General Synod, is gratefully acknowledged.

The Council prays General Synod to manifest the same paternal care it has shown in the past, and that the churches will take increasing interest in an institution with which are connected the interests of the Reformed Church in the West.

Your Committee rejoice with the Council of Hope College in the evidence of prosperity which the report affords. It is essential for the prosperity of our churches in the West, not only that we have a College, but that our College shall offer facilities unsurpassed by any of its neighbors. In these days when men are so little controlled by sentiment and doctrinal affinity in their choice of a college, we must provide for our sons the very best advantages at home, or they will go abroad to find them. It is to be hoped that the friends of this Institution will not only care for it year by year, but so fully endow its Professorships and equip it with library apparatus and buildings that it may become the peer of any college in the land.

We offer the following :

Resolved, That we commend Hope College to the prayers and gifts of our Churches, both in its pressing needs and permanent foundation.

Resolved, That since the exigencies which made it necessary to elect a Provisional President, rather than one clothed with the full dignity of a permanent office, seem to have passed away, and since the unsettled condition, which a provisional presidency implies, must be a disadvantage to the College, the Council be instructed at the earliest moment practicable to elect a President and thus fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. P. Phelps.

Resolved, That the request of the Council for authority to occupy the whole of Van Vleck Hall, for such uses as the Faculty and Council may deem desirable and determine, be and hereby is granted.

X. The term of H. P. Allen, a member of the Council of

Hope College, expired June, 1882. The last General Synod failed to fill his place.

We nominate to the vacancy Elder Klaas Brouwer. The term of service of Rev. E. P. Livingston having expired we recommend his re-appointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CORNELIUS BRETT, *Chairman.*

A. P. VAN GIESON.

N. D. WILLIAMSON.

H. W. RIHL.

Committee on the Professorate.

June 13, 1883,

CENTENNIAL OF THE SEMINARY.

The Central Committee appointed by the last General Synod to report the best method of celebrating the Centennial Anniversary, presented a report recommending that the celebration be held in the city of New Brunswick in the month of October, 1884. That the services be held in the First Reformed Church, and continue through two evenings and parts of two days, and that they consist of addresses and prepared papers by the professors of our own Seminary and professors representing the University of Utrecht, the University of Amsterdam, and the Theological School at Campen, in Holland, and that the principal seminaries in this country be invited to participate by delegates or by letters. The Committee also presented the partial outline of a programme for the occasion. The report was accepted, and the Committee was continued, with power to complete the necessary arrangements and report to the next General Synod.

The following resolution in reference to the endowment of Rutgers College was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Synod has heard with satisfaction of the movement for the further endowment of Rutgers College, and heartily recommend this interesting and important enterprise to the sympathy and aid of all our people.

The following communication was received from Professor Rev. John De Witt, D.D., and was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., June 8, 1883.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America,
in session at Albany:*

DEAR BRETHREN :—In the interests of our Theological Seminary, and of the young men in our Church who are looking forward to the Christian Ministry, I addressed an urgent appeal to the last General Synod with reference to the inadequacy in our provision for instruction in biblical learning. Besides enlarging upon the importance of an early division of my Professorship, I suggested also the propriety of a temporary and partial supply of our need by the appointment of a suitable person to lecture on New Testament Exegesis, provided that the amount needed for his remuneration could be secured by special gifts for that purpose.

The promptitude with which the General Synod responded left nothing to desire. A resolution was adopted declaring the importance of establishing a separate New Testament chair at the earliest practicable moment, and another appointing the Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., for one year under the suggested conditions. I regret to say that, for various reasons, this action was inoperative.

The question now presses upon us, what shall be done for the future? The possible reply to this question is materially affected by the death, on the 22d of August last, of Mr. Gardner A. Sage, whose numerous gifts have already accomplished so much for the institution. Although not yet officially announced, it is informally stated and indisputable, that, by his last will and testament, Mr. Sage has secured to the General Synod \$50,000, for the endowment of a Professorship in the Theological Seminary. We are informed by his executors that without a doubt, if the principal should not be paid one year from the testator's death, the lawful interest thereupon from that date will be realized. Inasmuch as Mr. Sage has not prescribed what the new Professorship shall be, the General Synod may, if it please, almost immediately supply the greatest need of our Seminary, as fully recognized by the last Synod.

Will the General Synod kindly take into consideration the propriety of making a similar appointment for the coming year, either of the thoroughly competent lecturer who was appointed a year ago, but whose services we failed to secure,

or, as has been suggested by himself, of the pastor of some church nearer New Brunswick, who may be able to visit the Seminary more easily and more frequently, and perhaps accomplish more for the students.

The appointee might be called, officially, *Lecturer upon Biblical Literature*, leaving details to be subsequently arranged with the Professor, or in consultation with the committee which the Board of Superintendents has proposed that the General Synod shall appoint.

With respect to the compensation, it will be for the Synod to decide whether the Board of Direction may not be authorized, in case interest upon Mr. Sage's legacy be received during the year, to apply a suitable portion thereof to the compensation of the lecturer; in no case, however, should it be made a charge upon the income of the existing Permanent Fund.

It may be asked, pertinently, why should this professorship be divided, or why should its incumbent even temporarily receive assistance that is not desired by any other professor? A satisfactory answer is easily supplied by brief reference to the details of Theological instruction. The *oldest Professorship*, that of *Didactic Theology*, embraces a single course of lectures upon the system of Christian doctrine, which are delivered, one-half to the Middle class and one-half to the Senior, the delivery of the whole requiring two years. The whole time that has ever been occupied in giving instruction in this department is three hours *per week* to each of the two higher classes, and the service is one that could not be divided.

The *Second Professorship*, that of *Church History*, until the year 1865 included also *Pastoral Theology*, but in that year it was divided, and the *Fourth Professorship* was endowed, principally as the result of my own unsparing effort, some of the members of the Present General Synod having contributed thereto. Even then many intelligent friends of the Seminary thought a division of the third professorship by far the more important.

The mere mention of the various and important matters embraced in the *Third Professorship* can scarcely fail to produce the immediate conviction that the Church cannot afford any longer to delay positive and effective action.

1. The instruction of the Junior Class in the elements of Hebrew alone consumes five hours per week, and may well

have much more, and in the principal Seminaries it devolves upon a tutor or junior or assistant professor.

2. *General Introduction* to the Old and New Testaments embracing the divine origin and canonical authority of the Holy Scriptures; *Sacred Criticism*, both the criticism of the text and the higher criticism, which recently has assumed incalculable importance in connection with the age and genuineness of some of the most important books of Scripture; *Hermeneutics*, or the science of interpretation; together with *Sacred Archæology* and *Sacred Geography*. To this is to be added :

3. *Special Introduction*, which gives the history, character and scope of each several portion of divine revelation in the Old and New Testaments. Besides all this the department embraces :

4. *The Exegesis*, or careful, scholarly reading and interpretation of principal portions of the Old and New Testaments in the original, each having its peculiar language and principles, and involving extensive research of its own peculiar kind.

The questions embraced in this department are those which are principally agitating the minds of men in our own day, requiring continually fresh and profound investigation. The General Synod will bear with me in saying that in this branch of Theological instruction, in which the age is calling for more thorough culture, and the scope of which is yearly enlarging, our Seminary stands precisely where it did fifty years ago, with a single professorship for the whole.

I can only say, dear brethren, that while the Lord spares me in my position I will do what I can, though laboring under the greatest disadvantage. I have the confident expectation, however, that since, in the Providence of God, the opportunity is now put within her reach, our Church will not be found wanting; and my only desire is, by communicating such intelligence as I have acquired by serving the Church twenty years in this professorship, to induce *immediate, hearty, and united* action, in accordance with the early and honorable history of ours among the American churches, as leading the van in Theological education.

With the highest respect, and the disposition to acquiesce in

whatever the General Synod may determine, I subscribe myself,
Your brother and servant in the best bonds,

JOHN DE WITT,

Professor of Biblical Literature.

VEDDER LECTURE.

The Synod, at 12 o'clock on the second day, nominated candidates for Vedder Lecturer, and appointed an hour on the following day for the election. On the third ballot the Rev. Edward B. Coe, of New York, was chosen lecturer for 1884-5.

LIBRARY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee of Co-operation with the Professors in the selection of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library, presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee of Co-operation with the Professors for the selection of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library, respectfully report that they have continued their labors during the year, and that over a thousand volumes have been added. These additions may be classified as follows: (1.) Theological and Ecclesiastical, 587; (2.) Philosophy and Science, 32; (3.) Jurisprudence, 14; (4.) History, 116; (5.) Philology, 52; (6.) Biography, 55; (7.) Belles-Lettres, 76; (8.) Arts, 11; (9.) Travels and Voyages, 25; (10.) Political Science, 9. More than six hundred pamphlets have been received, being mainly sermons and addresses of Alumni of our own institutions. It is hoped that ere long the collection of these will be complete. Some of the more important acquisitions for the year are—

Palestine Exploration Fund Surveys.....	20	Vols.
Congregational Quarterly.....	20	"
Schrock's Kirchengeschichte.....	45	"
Raschi Lexicon.....	13	"
Corpus Juris Atticarum.....	4	"
Bracton De Legibus Angliae.....	5	"
English Men of Letters (Morley).....	20	"
American Men of Letters and Statesmen.....	11	"
Wiley's History of the Papal States.....	3	"
Carré L'Ancien Egypt.....	4	"
Campaigns of the Civil War.....	14	"

The Committee commend the Library to the continued liberality of the churches. Excellent as it is for the purposes of the Institution, there is still large room for growth, especially in view of the wants of students pursuing special lines of investigation. To meet such calls in a manner entirely satisfactory, the number of volumes would require to be doubled or trebled. We are not without hope that some one will be found to carry forward still further the generous work of our late honored benefactor, Gardner A. Sage.

On behalf of the Committee,

T. W. CHAMBERS.

MAY 29, 1883.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Two young men were recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College for aid from the Van Benschöten Fund.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

The following preamble and resolutions on the subject of Sabbath desecration were adopted:

WHEREAS, In view of the increasing Sabbath desecration in our land as shown in the prevalence of excursions, and the disposition of many in our cities to encourage games in parks and places of public resort on that day, thus leading our children and youth to forget God, and to cast off those religious restraints which, more than all things else, have placed us in the front rank of nations, therefore

Resolved, First: That our Ministers be urged statedly to preach upon the Christian Sabbath and its proper observance, and to use all their influence through the pulpit and the press to stem the growing tendency to desecrate the Lord's day.

Resolved, Second: That all church officers, members, Christian parents and teachers be, and are hereby, admonished so to train those under their care in the fear of the Lord, that they shall keep His Sabbaths and count His holy day honorable and a delight.

In view of the increasing desecration of the Sabbath through the Sunday editions of the secular papers, and the insidious influence of the same upon the minds of the young and old, therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly request the members of our churches and all friends of morality to discountenance the Sunday newspaper press, both by refraining from the purchase of the Sunday papers, and by the condemnation of the same on all proper occasions.

It was also

Resolved, That the evils resulting from intemperance are so great, that in the judgment of this Synod the good and welfare of the Church, as well as society, demand the hearty co-operation of all Christians in such wise action as will finally result in the prohibition and suppression of the traffic in intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Fifty-first Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, with the Treasurer's report, was received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was received, and referred to the same Committee.

The Fifty-first Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, with the Treasurer's report, was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions. The part relating to vacancies was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The evening of Monday, the sixth day of the session, was employed in the consideration of the subject of Foreign

Missions. The Committee presented their report, which was accepted, after which the Synod was addressed by the Secretary, Rev. Henry N. Cobb, and by Rev. James L. Amerman, of Japan. After a discussion of the report it was adopted, and is as follows:

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America,
assembled in Albany, June, 1883:*

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following report :

In addition to the documents touching the trouble at Vellore, India, and upon which a report has already been submitted, we have received the Fifty-first Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Ninth Annual Report of the Woman's Board. These have been carefully examined.

At the outset, we feel impelled to call special attention to the admirable report of the Corresponding Secretary. It is a concise and yet complete review of the year's work, and a clear statement of present needs. It makes prominent the very facts that incite men to action, and we could wish it thoroughly circulated. It is necessarily the basis of all your Committee can present.

We should note the goodness of God in sparing the lives of our Missionaries. No one has been removed by death, yet the labors of three have been seriously interrupted by ill-health. Dr. Chamberlain and Rev. J. W. Conklin still call for our sympathy and prayers.

The Church has not ceased to regret the necessity that compelled Dr. Ferris, in November last, to resign the office of Corresponding Secretary, which he had filled for seventeen years with such ability and consecration. What he has done for the cause can never be forgotten, and he must ever regard these years as among the richest of his life.

The continued goodness of God, however, is especially manifest in enabling the Board to secure Dr. Cobb as the successor of Dr. Ferris. Already he has shown those qualities which, under God, will lead the Church to follow his guidance with increasing interest and enthusiasm.

During the year, Dr. John V. N. Talmage, our veteran Missionary in China, has returned with his family to the work he will love until death. Rev. John Scudder has returned to

the Arcot Mission, and the following new names have been added to the missionary list: Rev. E. C. Scudder, Jr., of the royal line of Indian Missionaries, has been commissioned with his wife to the Arcot field; Rev. Alexander S. Van Dyck to the Amoy field, China; Rev. Messrs. Kimura and Oghimi, natives of Japan, have been returned to their country as ordained ministers, under the direction of the Mission.

Miss M. Leila Winn, of Green Springs, Alabama, has been sent to the Ferris Seminary at Yokohama, Japan. Miss Julia C. Scudder has been appointed Missionary in full under the Arcot Mission, and Miss Carrie E. Ballagh under the Japan Mission. Thus the present force in the field is:

India, seven Missionaries and seven assistant Missionaries.

China, four Missionaries and five assistant Missionaries.

Japan, seven Missionaries and eleven assistant Missionaries.

Of this entire force, Rev. James L. Amerman and wife, of the Japan Mission, and Miss E. C. Witbeck, are the only ones at present in America.

From the Missionaries we turn to the *work*, and with grateful hearts note that the growth has been real and healthful. The number of communicants has increased, notwithstanding all losses, 218, or more than eight per cent. A delightful work of grace has specially marked the winter months in Yokohama, and the quickening influence has been felt and precious results in both the Ferris Seminary and the Sandham Academy.

“The experience of the year has been such” (I quote Dr. Cobb’s words) “as to make more evident than ever before the greatness of the Church’s opportunity and the increasing demands of a work that grows steadily by the continued blessing of God upon it.” And I can but add, when that blessing shall cease, then, and then only, will the demands cease. Let the Church hear God speaking as it listens to the story of these demands.

First of all, let us listen to the cry that comes from India. They are rejoicing there in the re-enforcement so recently provided, but they cannot long rejoice as they think of the needs still pressing upon them. The strength of every man is taxed to the utmost. They have now, with their reinforcements, only as many missionaries as they had in 1869, fourteen years ago, and then they deliberately asked *for five more men*. And

who does not know how the work in the Tamil country has, gradually and not slowly, but swiftly grown during these years. If fourteen years ago they really needed five more men (and who doubts it for an instant), what must be their need now? But we dare not think of them when a louder call comes from the Telugu country, in the North.

Twenty years ago Dr. Chamberlain established a station at Madanapalle, among the Telugus, who are a distinct and separate people, with different customs and different language from the Tamil people. For twenty years he has been laboring *alone* with peculiar success—a success that has led him to greater and greater efforts, until his health is sadly undermined, and his continuance in the field is a matter of great doubt. This post must be strengthened at once or altogether abandoned. It imperatively needs, if it be retained, at least one more Missionary family and a lady teacher for the girls' school, the building for which has been erected by the Woman's Board. We cannot put this case more forcibly than by simply stating the facts. The question for us is—What shall be done in answer?

But we cannot listen longer to the appeal from India, imperative as it is, for China also calls for help. The Amoy Mission, originally under the control of the American Board, was set apart to the care of our Church twenty-five years ago, and now we have but one more Missionary in the field than we had then. As to the fruitfulness of this field, we use the words of one of the Secretaries of the American Board at its annual meeting only last October:

“By giving up the Amoy Mission this Board lost its vantage ground in China, as compared with other Missionary societies. No Mission had greater promise, and none has been more fruitful or made more substantial progress than this.”

And yet, brethren, our care of this field, with its 3,000,000 of souls, is confined to the labors of four Missionaries with their families. Already our Board has advised that at least one more Missionary be added to meet the growing work. Again the question comes—*What shall be done?*

In Japan we find a comparatively large force engaged in one part of the field—that centering in Yokohama or Tokio. But the real call comes from Nagasaki, a station 600 miles distant from Yokohama, and which must be regarded as itself a center

of a large Missionary district. For twenty-three years this station has been held by one Missionary. Three attempts have been made to increase the working force, and have failed. "It is felt to be neither wise nor right to attempt to hold the position in this way any longer." The Secretary in his report tells us: "The Board were almost ready to recommend that this station should be abandoned," when, just at this juncture, the Lord seemed to say, No! Three men unexpectedly and almost simultaneously offered themselves for service in Japan. Such a manifest Providence could not be disregarded. In the face of it they dared not take the responsibility of closing that station; neither did they think it right to re-enforce it fully at an increased annual expense of \$5,000 without the direction of General Synod. And so they appeal directly to us. *What shall be done?*

We have thus taken a cursory view of the whole field, and the one great fact that meets us at every point is that something decided and definite must be done, and be done at once, as the Secretary says, "It seems plain that this work cannot go on as it is with credit to ourselves, with honor to our Master, or with a reasonable hope of adequate success." The present missionary force is manifestly too small to do the work which lies immediately before it. It has gone on in the name of the Master, and how dare it turn back?

Now, back of this special need in the mission field is the injunction of Christ. If we could overlook the need, we could never, as true Christians, overlook the Master. If we could shut out the cry "Come," we could never, as true Christians, shut out the command "Go."

And so in making our determination we have to consider not only what is the *need*, but what is the command.

And considering both, what answer must we give? Are we not shut up to one reply: *If possible, we must meet these demands, and obey this command. If possible, we must send the needed help to the Tamil country; we must give the missionary family to the almost forsaken Telugu station. We must re-enforce the faithful few in China; we must establish on a permanent basis the important work at Nagasaki. It all rests upon the question of ability. And in considering that question, we come from the field abroad to the field at home. Is this Church doing all it can do, or ought to do? Will any one*

confess it? And if not, what methods can be employed that will gradually bring us up to the measure of our ability?

It is an old story that fully one-fourth of the churches of our denomination make no contributions at all to the work of Foreign Missions, and that of the number contributing, fully one-half make but a nominal offering, by no means proportionate to their ability. The reason for all this is *lack of interest*, as we have heard again and again. And last year's Committee told the Church plainly and truly that the lack of interest was in almost every instance to be laid at the door of *pastors*.

Now, facing these facts, we ask: Cannot something be done to awaken interest in pastors and churches? Is it not possible, by a more thorough organization than we have yet had, to reach and quicken the latent—for we must believe it exists—latent missionary spirit in that large portion of our Communion that now gives no response to our appeal.

Your Committee firmly believe that the question of greater interest, and so of larger contributions, can be settled by a more thorough organization of missionary forces, and would present a plan for your careful consideration.

The Board of Foreign Missions, as at present constituted, is an executive body dealing almost altogether with the Foreign field. It scarcely comes into contact with the churches at home, save as it receives their contributions. Its members must, of necessity, be chosen from New York and vicinity, and so it exerts no immediate influence upon the Church at large. It only pretends to reach individual churches by publications and occasionally a missionary at home for rest, who is sadly overworked while here. Now, is it not possible to supplement the work of the Board by an organization or organizations, whose only duty it shall be to work up the home field?

The lowest body having jurisdiction over churches is the Classis. Let each Classis appoint one pastor with a *secundus*, who shall be charged with the Foreign missionary interests of all the churches (in the Classis), to confer with pastors, if necessary, to visit churches, and see that the subject is kept before the people. This work has been done voluntarily by an individual in one of our Classes with the most marked results.

The next higher ecclesiastical body is the Particular Synod. Let the missionary representative of each Classis be a member

of a Synodical Committee, whose duty it shall be to divide the Synod into districts of three or four Classes each, in which conferences may be held where every church can be represented. This division can be made permanent, so that the work of this committee may be done once for all.

Then, respecting conferences, we all realize the benefit derived from the two general conferences already held—the one at Poughkeepsie, and the other at Albany; but your Committee feel that the benefit of such conferences can be greatly multiplied. As now organized, three or more representatives are appointed from each Classis. They personally receive the benefit of the meeting, and carry a new enthusiasm back to their own churches, but only to their own churches. There are no means employed to carry the impulse of a great missionary gathering to every church. Here is where we fail. To remedy this, it is suggested that, within two or three weeks after each general conference, smaller conferences shall be held in each missionary district of two or more Classes, to be apportioned by Synodical Committee, where every church shall be invited to be present by delegates, and so the interest and enthusiasm be carried from the general conference to the special, and in that way to each church.

Your Committee believe this plan practicable, and are constrained to present it because of the conviction that some extraordinary means must be used to bring this Church that we love next to the Master himself nearer the measure of her duty, or rather her high privilege. Past methods have not availed. The call is imperative.

We must ever remember that nothing truly worthy is ever accomplished without effort. It will require earnest and self-denying labors on the part of many individuals to bring this Church to answer the call from foreign lands, as we all feel she should and pray she may.

Before we submit the plan more definitely in the way of resolutions, we wish to call attention to the work of the Woman's Board.

The member of the Committee to whom was especially referred the Ninth Annual Report of the Woman's Board, presented the following, which was made the voice of the Committee :

“The condition of this Board is gratifying indeed. It is

true the work has not been as aggressive in its character as the managers hoped to make it during the course of the year, but on the other hand it is no exaggeration to say, with the Home Corresponding Secretary in her Ninth Annual Report: 'Since the formation of our Board, we can recall no year when the aspect of the work was more pleasant, or inspired more hope for the future.' It seems to your Committee that the removal of all the difficulties connected with this special work is only a question of time, and that also the medical department of this labor of love will prove a success in the near future.

"Four new auxiliaries have been organized during the past year, bringing the total number up to 139.

"The praise of this Board and its efficient work is already in many churches. We earnestly hope that the time may soon come when every church in our connection will number among its means for the extension of God's Kingdom, an enthusiastic and energetic auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions."

Now brethren—believing in the reality of the need that calls to us from India, China, Japan—believing in the abiding authority of the Saviour's last command to His disciples—believing in the ability of the Reformed Church in America, if properly organized and aroused, to meet all these demands, we therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of General Synod that the Board should not withdraw from any of the stations or Missionary fields now occupied.

Resolved, If eighty, ninety or one hundred thousand dollars are needed to do the work that God evidently apportions to us, the General Synod believes the amount should be raised, and *can* be raised, if the Church at home becomes properly interested.

Resolved, That to secure the interest of all the churches, each Classis be directed to appoint one pastor with a secundus, who shall be charged with the Missionary interests of the Classis.

Resolved, That the Missionary agents of the Classes thus appointed in each Particular Synod, be requested to meet as a Committee to separate the Synod into districts of two or more Classes each.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to arrange for a General Conference to be held early in November, similar to those recently held in Poughkeepsie and Albany.

Resolved, That as soon after this General Conference as practicable, a special conference be held in each of the districts above provided for, to which conference each Church shall be invited.

Resolved, That pastors be urged to secure as wide a circulation as possible of the *Sower and Mission Monthly*, the authorized organ of the Board.

Resolved, That every pastor of our Church be urged to bring this subject before his people, at least once every year.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the work accomplished by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and recommend that wherever practicable, auxiliaries to this Board be organized in our churches.

Resolved, That each Church be urged to hold a monthly concert of prayer for missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. V. V. RAYMOND, *Chairman*.

The Committee also presented the following Special Report:

The Committee on Foreign Missions to whom has been referred an extended communication touching the interests of our Board at Vellore, India, having carefully reviewed the papers, would respectfully present the following as a Special Report upon this subject:

WHEREAS, in the year 1855, at the repeated solicitation of Bishop Dealtry, on behalf the Madras Diocesan Committee of the English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the Arcot Mission purchased the property of that Society in Vellore, India, with the distinct understanding that that Society thereby relinquished its Missionary work in that district and transferred it to the Arcot Mission, and for twenty-five years this unwritten, but plainly understood pledge, of which there is ample proof, was observed by the agents of S. P. G. Society; and,

WHEREAS, In the year 1880, this Society, through the agents of the Diocesan Committee, re-entered the field and

hired a building in which divine service is held and a school maintained, directly across the street from the church which it sold to the Arcot Mission, and has sought to weaken the influence of the Missionaries of the Reformed Church upon the natives, both Christian and heathen, by declaring them to be "schismatics" and "heretics;" and,

WHEREAS, The Arcot Mission has repeatedly remonstrated with the Diocesan Committee of the S. P. G. Society upon what they believe to be a breach of good faith, as well as of Christian courtesy, but without any satisfactory result; and

WHEREAS, The Arcot Mission has appealed to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, "to use its efforts to secure for the Mission from the Parent Society in England the justice which is refused to it by the Diocesan Committee in Madras;" therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America have learned with deep regret of the re-entrance, under the above-named circumstances, of the agents of the S. P. G. Society into Vellore, India.

First.—Because it seems to them that the field for Missionary labor in heathen lands is large enough to demand the united efforts of all the Missionary Societies in Christian countries without, in the least, interfering one with the other.

Second.—Because in this great work of converting the heathen to Christianity, there should be substantial union of effort on the part of all those "who profess and call themselves Christians;" and

Third.—Because this re-entrance into the particular district named, we are constrained to believe is in violation of the implied and expressed relinquishment of the field to the Arcot Mission.

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America respectfully call the attention of the S. P. G. Society in England to the facts above stated, and express the earnest hope that the Society will see its way clear to direct the Diocesan Committee in Madras to withdraw its agents from Vellore.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to forward officially the above Preamble and Resolutions to the officers of the S. P. G. Society, London, England.

A. V. V. RAYMOND, *Chairman*.

The following persons were chosen to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions :

Rev. Selah W. Strong,	Rev. Roderick Terry, D.D.,
“ T. W. Chambers, D.D.,	Elder James A. Williamson,
“ J. H. Oerter, D.D.,	“ Jacob L. Sutphen,
“ W. J. R. Taylor, D.D.,	“ Garret Planten.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The evening of Tuesday, the seventh day of the Synod, was devoted to Domestic Missions. The Committee on Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund presented their report, which was accepted. The Secretary, Rev. Jacob West, addressed the Synod, and was followed by several other speakers.

The report was adopted and is as follows :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Committee on Domestic Missions begs leave respectfully to present the following Report :

The subject, concerning which your Committee is called to report, is one whose vital and transcendent importance needs no new enforcement from us. It is the burden laid upon our souls by the blessed and blessing hands of our ascending Lord and Saviour. It is the cause of hungering and perishing souls that lie on the very threshold of our churches. It is the cause on which hinges the destiny of our country, in all that respects its highest and enduring prosperity. It is the question of existence itself, and of a right to exist, on the part of our Denomination.

We have no time nor taste for generalities on this theme, nor to commend the cause again unto you. Neither do we feel like prolonging the echoes of the Jubilee bells, which were rung so vigorously last year. The cause and the Church will best be served by some plain words and practical suggestions.

And, first, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that *our Domestic Missionary work has not been a success*. The task which lay before us, as the oldest of American Churches, was to go up and possess this broad land in the name of the Lord. It is needless to say that we have but imperfectly held our own favored foothold, which we had from the beginning ; and all beyond, with the exception of certain colonies of ready-made

churches, is almost entirely unexplored by our missionaries, or held so feebly as to be only the more conspicuous failure. We occupy none of the great centers of population and influence, even in those portions of the West where we have churches. We leap over whole states, in such progress as we have made. And yet, even our single spies have not kept pace with the march of population. We have not taken our share in the great national responsibility for the religious education of the Freedmen.

As compared with the progress of other and younger and once smaller denominations, our missions have not been a success. The Presbyterian Church (North) is able to boast that last year it established a new church every morning; and the Lutherans the same; and the M. E. Church could claim to have established one every morning and evening. The Home Missionary Society reports that the Congregationalists employed last year 1,150 missionaries, supplying statedly 2,659 churches and stations, expending \$358,912. And the other principal denominations show like results. Whereas our Domestic Missionary operations show only half a dozen new churches organized during the year, and those either by special and unofficial efforts among our German population about New York, or banyan-tree extensions among the Holland settlements of the West.

And finally our Domestic Mission work has not been a success as compared to our own earlier record. It was shown in the Report of your Committee last year, that during the past fifty years there had been an addition of 300 churches; during the past twenty years of 90 churches; during the past ten years of only 18 churches.

But we will not multiply facts to prove what is known and read of all men. The Home Missionary work of our Church languishes. It becomes us to look the fact squarely in the face, and see if we can so far account for it as to enable us to secure the future, even if we may not redeem the past.

One thing is certain: the fault does not lie with the heart nor the head of our people. They are as thoroughly committed and devoted to the Missionary cause as any Church in the world, unless it be the Moravians. They are as ready to recognize the claim upon them to preach the Gospel to every creature, and to push the boundaries of the Church. And

they are not behind in their liberal gifts and active exertions for evangelistic work in their own immediate localities, and outside their own denomination. And yet, even under the special impulse of the Jubilee year and meetings, our Board can only report as donations from churches and individuals, exclusive of legacies, \$21,989.84—less even than the year previous, against expenses of administration amounting to about \$4,000 (or nearly one-fifth). The Report says that this amount represents the “prayers” of the Church. Whether this be so or not, we are sure it represents the *faith* of the Church; and the prayer of faith, of course, is the only prayer worth having. But will any say that this meager sum is the measure of their faith in God the Father Almighty, or in the Christ of Olivet, or in the Holy Ghost; their faith in the essential work of American Missions, or in the possibility of our doing our share of it?

And if not, in what else can the lack of faith reside, than in the administration of the work committed to our hands. The people may not be able to say what the defects have been; they only judge by results. Nothing succeeds like success. In a work like this, nothing else deserves to succeed, so far as methods and agencies are concerned. Neither shall we undertake to point out, or even hint at, all the weaknesses and mistakes in our own Domestic Missionary methods and agencies. We rather recommend the Synod, the Classes, and the Consistories, and the Board itself, to think these things out, and speak them out when discovered. We have had a year of jubilee. Let us have at least some earnest hours of Passover search with lighted candles, and eat the bitter herbs of self-examination and confession.

We hail the advent of a new force upon the scene of action—in the Women’s Executive Committee which was organized during the year, and which has entered upon its work with great vigor and prospects of success. But if their object is simply or mainly to stimulate donation, rather than to bear a share in the direct work of Home Missions itself, we do not see that the essential situation is likely to be changed by them. In fact, they will find themselves hampered by the same causes which have rendered previous instrumentalities comparatively unsuccessful in stirring up the Church to arise and put on its strength.

We shall confine ourselves to a few suggestions, drawn both from an analysis of our experience, and an observation of the methods successfully adopted by other denominations.

Chief among these is the employment of *a personal and responsible Superintendency of Missions* throughout the fields to be occupied. The secret of the immense strides of the Episcopal Church in our newer States and Territories is to be found in their Missionary Bishops. The Methodist Episcopalians accomplish their great results by substantially the same methods. The Presbyterians and Congregationalists owe the efficiency of their Home Mission work to their District Superintendents, practically the same thing under another name, and without the same objections on the score of Church order. It is by these picked and (if we may be allowed a serious play upon words) *picketed* men, the Church is on the ground in advance of the population, a sort of Ecclesiastical Coast Survey is maintained; the promising fields are intelligently selected and promptly secured; the right men are more likely to be put in the right place, because under the advice of one thoroughly familiar with both the place and the man; the new organizations are watched, aided and comforted; and there is always a trustworthy and intelligent source of information, both for the Classis and the Board.

We have, to be sure, Committees of the Classes, and what has been accomplished is largely due to them. And in some of our Eastern and rural Classes of small geographical area, this is perhaps all that is needed. But it stands to reason, as well as is confirmed by experience, that in our indefinitely extensive and sparsely occupied Classes, or among the foreign populations scattered throughout the Classes, something more is needed. It is important to concentrate the responsibility and put it upon one permanent appointee, and not upon several, perhaps changed from year to year. We all know how Committeeship work. Committees of Classis are too apt to be literally *Standing* Committees. What we need is one who shall not stand, but go; but who shall not only say to the children of Israel "Go forward!" but who shall go ahead of them because the children of Israel have said to him, "Go forward." The result is, that usually the Classes act only after overtures have been made to them. We sit still and let the stream of population go by; and then, when there is a loud

knocking at our door on the part of some straggler or belated traveler, we begin to question him from within, whether it is worth while to arise and minister to his wants. In a word, we have too much let our Home Missions "grow up" of themselves, like Topsy. And it is no wonder that we have not only suffered the other denominations to leave us clear out of sight, but have subsisted mainly upon the fragments and the gleanings which they have left behind.

Moreover, we have often made mistakes in the hasty and ill-considered organization of our churches, as well as in fatal delay. Churches have been organized in the hurry and enthusiasm of a Classical Meeting on an *ex parte* representation, to be thereafter an interminable draft upon our Treasury, and, because of their isolation, requiring the exclusive services of a Missionary, instead of the third or fourth part of his time as simple preaching stations. The Board is now made dependent solely upon the Classes for its information, and feels almost obligated to receive their recommendation as an *ultimatum*, as well as tempted (as in other well-known cases, such as the recommendation of students to the Board of Education) to throw the responsibility upon them. And—we might as well be frank about it—Classical recommendations are apt to be of too "genial" and optimistic a character to admit of their being followed too blindly. Whereas a Superintendent, appointed by the Board, reporting both to the Classis and the Board, would be not only a double guarantee for safe action, but would be a private source of information to the Board by a party for whom the Board itself can be held responsible.

It is not proposed to make this a salaried office. It is believed that the men can be readily found, who for their mere traveling expenses will, out of zeal for the cause, gladly add this to their other duties. In fact, we have enough of this work done voluntarily by such men now, and at their own charges, to demonstrate the feasibility of the plan. Nearly all the progress which is made in our Home Missionary extension is done by such individuals. All the new organizations reported this year in the East are the result of the efforts of a single minister among our German population in and about New York. And in our Classical Committees the dependence is usually on some one member, thus disposed and qualified.

The proposal of your Committee is simply that this kind of agency shall be made permanent and co-extensive with the field; and, at the same time, that it be attended with the prestige and authority of a commission from the Board; and that the traveling expenses, which are a small matter for the Church, but often a burdensome and deterring matter for the man, shall be paid. This, therefore, would be no innovation, but a mere recognition and acceptance of a providential leading. Moreover, we have a distinct precedent for it in the present employment by the Board of a Western Superintendent of Sunday School work, which is precisely in the line of your Committee's suggestion. If the Sunday School department of the Board's work is advantaged by having a special Superintendent, why would not other departments, such as the work among the Germans, the Hollanders, the immigrants, the Freedmen, or whatever else we may and ought to undertake, be likewise advantaged? And why not have similar superintendents for manageable sub-districts of the great Western field?

Your Committee begs leave, therefore, to submit the following:

Resolved, That this Synod recognizes the practical value of a more personal and immediate oversight of the various departments and geographical sections of our Domestic Missionary works, and would recommend the Board, so far and so fast as they can find the men qualified and disposed to undertake it, to appoint such Missionary Superintendents as may be required, whose traveling and other necessary expenses only shall be paid, and who shall report to the Board and to the Classis, within whose bounds the special field to be reported upon may be situated.

Another secret of success in the Home Mission work of other denominations is to be found in their zealous employment of *the School*, as well as the Church, as a means of fortifying and extending their outposts. This is eminently true of the Congregationalists, who have planted their colleges all over the West, and are planting them already in what is called the New West, which is rising like an Aladdin's palace in a night to an imperial splendor and solidity. The Presbyterians have been roused by them to inaugurate, this very year, a more vigorous

and extended effort in the same direction. The Methodists and Baptists owe a large part of their success to their untiring and unsparing zeal in planting and appropriating academics, which are centers of denominational influence as well as of ministerial supply. We have allowed our only Western College almost to perish, and even now we are strangely slow in holding fast the things that remain of it, so that it has been rather a source of weakness to us than of strength among those for whom it was specially designed. And what else we have done in the planting and fostering of academic germs, would certainly show a large balance against us if we were to count up the losses and the gains. We propose the following resolution :

Resolved, That, in the interests of our Domestic Missionary work, we join in the earnest recommendation for a prompt completion of the full endowment of Hope College. Also, that we commend to the attention of our Church the importance of the educational side of our missionary duty and opportunity, both in the planting and maintaining of schools and academics under the control or influence of the Church.

Another singular failure on our part to avail ourselves of a tried and effective method of Domestic Missions, is in the neglect of the Church to sustain *the Church Building Fund*. This is the right arm of our Church extension. An emigrant train cannot be all locomotive, but must have its passenger cars as well. That church organization which first offers the people of a community a suitable and permanent house of worship, has an immeasurable advantage in taking possession of them. That one which is left out in the cold (so to speak) by its denomination will be likely to be left there by the community. The very circumstances which make a field a mission one, are those also which render it out of the power of the people to build a church edifice, entirely or at once, for themselves. And yet, often a little aid, on condition of its being supplemented by the Church itself, will stimulate to unexpected and speedy achievement. The history of our own Board abundantly proves, that a Church Building Fund is as dew upon the Mission field.

But what do we find in the report of this year? Only \$6,328.97 have been received during the year from all sources

toward the Fund, and disbursements required amounting to \$13,645.21, raising the deficiency in a single year from \$2,655.20 to \$8,881.44. As the Report well says: "The Synod will perceive at once how effectually this blocks the way of progress"—even (we will add) at the rate of progress in the past. There needs to be a new alarm rung in this special cause, if we are not to come to a dead stand. Our dependence must be upon the pastors and consistories, to ring each their own church bell in summons to this work of life-saving. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the special and immediate attention of our Classes and churches be called to the condition of the Church Building Fund, which is not only paralyzed for future action, but is paralyzing the work of our Domestic Missions; and that they be urged to such effort and liberality in its behalf, that not only the indebtedness shall be removed, but that it shall become the instrument of a renewed and enlarged usefulness to the Board.

There has been put into our hands a private communication from the pastor of the *Ebenezer Church, of Holland, Mich.*, whose claim to sympathy and aid in rebuilding its edifice, destroyed by fire, has already been laid before the churches through the columns of the *Christian Intelligencer*. Though unwilling to make it a Synodical precedent, we regard the case as so peculiar in its claims and circumstances that we venture to call the favorable attention of the Classes and Consistories to the appeal.

We have incidentally included in the above pretty nearly all the important facts respecting the work of the Board for the past year, but will recapitulate briefly the leading items:

Seventy missionaries have been employed in 77 missions, besides occasional services in twelve or fifteen more stations, ministering to 3,740 families (against 4,077 last year) and 4,459 members (against 5,979 last year). Received on confession 445, and on certificate 247, an increase of 13 over last year; 88 Sunday Schools, with an average attendance of 7,609; ten new schools among organized churches, which does not include a large number in new fields. Contributions of the Mission churches \$3,162, of which \$902 was to Domestic Missions. Six churches have been organized during the year and

one reorganized. Two churches have become self-sustaining. Some of the Missionary churches report revivals, and some of them report large accessions to membership. Cheering indications of temporal prosperity are reported in other churches.

Instead of the \$50,000 proposed as the mark for the church's contributions, the Board has received \$39,224.76, of which \$14,291.83, or considerably more than one-third, was from legacies. There has been no break in the ranks, either of the missionaries or members of the Board.

We desire to express our gratitude to the Head of the Church for what has been accomplished, notwithstanding all drawbacks, and are the more encouraged in pointing out these from our assurance, that improved methods and more vigorous efforts will secure vastly increased success.

We subjoin one more resolution :

Resolved, That this Synod regards with gratification the organization of a Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions under so many auspicious tokens of usefulness, and most heartily recommend it to the co-operation of the women of our churches.

Signed :

F. N. ZABRISKIE,
LEOPOLD MOHN,
E. WINTER,

L. D. BARNES,
HENRY T. POLHEMUS.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board:

Rev. W. Ormiston, D.D.,

Elder S. R. W. Heath,

“ C. I. Shepard,

“ H. D. Van Orden,

“ J. H. Whitehead,

“ W. D. W. Miller,

“ W. H. Gleason, D.D.,

“ John S. Bussing.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod recognizes with grateful appreciation a disposition on the part of the women of the Church to co-operate with the Domestic Board in its Missionary work, and heartily commends the proposed plan of providing, as soon as practicable, a fund for the erection of parsonages, and for the general prosecution of the work of our Church in the Territory of Dakota.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

The Committee on these Funds presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on these Funds beg to report as follows:

In their hands was placed the annual statement containing the financial account of both these benevolent agencies, together with all needed information concerning the same.

The following abstract from the Financial Exhibit is submitted to the attention of Synod:

I. WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount invested May 1, 1882.....	\$55,941 50
Cash received from Churches during the year.....	\$992 97
Cash received from Churches crediting \$20 to their Pastor.....	630 05
One-half annual payments as per amended rule.....	615
By three per cent. on \$2,500, the ag- gregate amount of sums paid by clergymen at one time.....	75
Principal sums of four clergymen.....	2,000
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Total amount received.....	\$4,313 02
Amount expended.....	1,028 33
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Net increase of principal.....	3,284 69
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Amount invested May 1, 1883.....	\$59,226 19

WIDOWS' FUND INCOME.

By balance from account May 1, 1882.....	\$5,599 94
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Imbursements.

Annual payments.....	\$1,230
Interest during the year	3,077 63
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Amounts received.....	\$4,307 63

Disbursements.

Sums paid to annuitants.....	\$3,407	96
Expenditure for administration.....	285	97
Amount carried to principal Fund.....	615	
Three per cent. on \$2,500, as per amend- ed rule.....	75	
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Total amount expended.....	\$4,383	75
Deficiency of income.....	76	12
Capital on hand May 1, 1883.....	\$5,523	82

II. DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount as per balance from last account May 1, 1882.....	\$49,614	85
By cash received.....	500	
Legacy of Mrs. Eleanor Webb.....	3,152	43
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Total principal.....	\$53,267	28

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND INCOME.

By balance of last account May 1, 1882.....	\$3,909	04
By cash received during the year.....	\$1,993	54
Interest on principal.....	2,924	48
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Total imbursements.....	\$4,918	02

Disbursements.

Appropriations.....	\$4,895	
Expense of administration.....	173	40
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Total of expenditures.....	\$5,073	40
Deficiency of income.....	155	38
Cash on hand May 1, 1883.....	\$3,753	66

Your Committee take pleasure in calling the attention of Synod to the fact that gradually more churches begin to understand the imperative necessity of vigorously maintaining this branch of the Lord's work.

In 1882-3, 129 churches took a collection for the Widows' Fund against 113 in 1881-2; for the Disabled Ministers' Fund, 135 in 1882-3 against 109 in 1881-2.

Yet your Committee has once more to call your attention to the fact that in some of the Classes but a *lamentable minority* of churches pay attention to the repeated demands for aid continually urged by our Benevolent Boards.

With a view to the often urgent needs of the beneficiaries depending for a great share of their subsistence on the pitifully small amount of aid, possible under the present financial condition of the Benevolent Funds, it is possible that a lack of the utmost promptness in the administration of such aid might occasion to some of them perplexity and actual distress, of which cases are on record.

With a view to the above, your Committee would respectfully submit to the approval of Synod the following:

Resolved, That every Classis consider the large and pressing needs of the Benevolent Funds of our Zion, and that they further this all-important matter with energy and persistency; instructing the churches, within their bounds, as to the obvious duty resting on the Reformed Church in America of honorably sustaining, with all possible aid, her disabled ministry, and the widows and children of those whom the Lord has taken away from us.

Resolved, That the prayerful attention of the wealthy among us be fixed on the fact that nowhere can a legacy be more fitly bestowed than where it can be so largely useful to the alleviation of the suffering of those who are undoubtedly very dear to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That the administrators of these Funds redouble their lauded energy in this matter, so that aid may promptly arrive where it is often so highly needed.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. DOSKER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication, except that which relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Publication presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on the Board of Publication would respectfully report that the Twenty-ninth Annual Report, also two requests, one of the Board to change its Constitution—and one from the members of the Conference of German Ministers in regard to the publication of a Singing Book adapted for their use, have been put into our hands.

The report of the Board is of a very encouraging character. Its patronage is on the increase. It is better able than formerly to carry forward its benevolent work.

The *Sower and Mission Monthly* has a circulation of 10,000 copies each month. In view of the valuable information it imparts in regard to the operation, needs, difficulties and success of the other Boards, its circulation should be more general. Why should not the lovers of our Church put it into the hands of needy ones, even as the *American Messenger* is by others gratuitously distributed?

We gladly notice that the Book of *Christian Praise* is still in demand, about 18,000 copies having been already sold; that the Liturgy and Psalms for responsive reading meet with approval, and in some churches are used according to the recommendation of the last General Synod, and add interest to the public worship of God; and that the Heidelberg Catechism, in its revised form, and also approved by General Synod, will as soon as possible be published.

We also unite with the Board in appreciation of the use which Elder Samuel B. Schieffelin makes of the Board, and of his liberality in bestowing the copyright and plates of what is specified in their report. For the specific items of the Publishing Agent, and also of the Treasurer's report you are referred to the printed copy which has been so freely circulated among the members of this Synod.

The Board of Publication expresses a desire to reissue their Constitution and By-laws, adding, that it is twenty-seven years since it was adopted; that our denominational name during that time has been changed; that the proposed alterations are desirable and necessary, and by a unanimous vote refers the matter to General Synod. We copy the following suggested amendments:

“1. Article I. Defective phrasology makes it desirable to

alter this article so as to read as follows : ‘The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America shall authorize, superintend and control the publication of its own denominational literature, and of such works as may be conducive to the interests of sound doctrine and practical religion. The execution of this business shall be committed to a Board of Managers to be called ‘The Board of Publication of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America,’ and made directly responsible to General Synod.’

“2. Art. II. Sec. 1. Should be so altered as to read: ‘This Board of Managers shall consist of twenty-four members, twelve of whom shall be ministers, and twelve others shall be members of said Church. One-third of them shall be elected annually by the General Synod at its regular session, and when duly organized at the first meeting after said session shall constitute the Board for the purposes indicated in the foregoing article.’

“3. Art. III. Sec. 1. Should be altered so as to read : ‘The Board shall annually elect at its first meeting after the adjournment of General Synod, a President, a Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, a Treasurer and Executive Committee. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.’

“Sec. 3. Should be erased because included in the foregoing article.

“4. Art. IV. Sec. 1. Should be amended as follows: ‘The Executive Committee shall consist of five members, always including the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.’

“Sec. 2. Should be amended by striking out the middle clause, viz : ‘And give him needful directions in reference to matters of business and correspondence entrusted to him’—because this refers to certain duties prescribed to a paid secretary, with which service we propose to dispense.”

We propose the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to revise their Constitution and to adopt the proposed alterations. Concerning the request from the Conference of German Ministers, as it respects the Hymn and Tune Book for Sunday Schools, we recommend that the request be granted and that the Board be authorized to publish the same as soon as the MS. is put into their hands.

Resolved, That in view of the need of books to counteract those that are evil in their tendencies, heretical in their utterances, and subversive of reverence for God, the Holy Bible, and the sacredness of the Lord's Day—to interest, instruct and save our youth, the Board of Publication, *now out of debt*, is commended to the enlarged liberality of all our churches.

Resolved, That we reiterate the resolution of the last General Synod and commend the Liturgy and Psalms for responsive reading in our several churches.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

S. T. SEARLE.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication:

Rev. W. R. Gordon, D.D.,	Elder Floyd Clarkson,
“ W. H. Clark,	“ Peter I. Neefus,
“ G. S. Bishop, D.D.,	“ David Bingham,
“ N. I. Rubinkam,	“ Alex. Masterton.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

The Synod fixed the time of meeting and adjournment as follows: Of meeting, at 9 A. M., 3 P. M., and 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ P. M.; and of adjournment, at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M.

The Synod also designated the bar of the house.

The afternoon of the first day, after the transaction of the business prescribed in the rules, was spent in devotional exercises.

The first half-hour of each morning session, after calling the roll, was also devoted to prayer and praise.

The following were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises and Pulpit Supplies: Revs. John A. Lansing, N. D. Williamson, G. S. Plumley, and Elders Elijah DuBois and R. N. Perlee, with Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of the church.

On the afternoon of the second day the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. The President presided and offered prayer, Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck read the Scriptures, Rev.

A. P. Van Gieson offered prayer, Rev. W. R. Gordon read the Form, Rev. J. H. Suydam administered the Bread, and Rev. N. D. Williamson the Cup, with appropriate remarks, after which prayer was offered by Rev. E. Winter, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. T. Corwin. The Elders T. R. Westbrook, F. J. Hosford, W. H. Jackson, William Terry, William H. Kirk, and G. Van Nostrand, assisted in the distribution.

The Synod adopted a resolution that the clergy of Albany, and any other clergymen who might be present, be invited to sit with the Synod.

A cordial invitation was received from the pastor and consistory of the Madison Avenue Church to attend a reception to be given at the residence of the pastor, Rev. W. R. Davis, on Thursday evening. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and the Synod attended in a body, and were entertained with generous hospitality.

A communication was received from Mr. J. W. Burdick, on behalf of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, offering to furnish to the members of Synod excursion tickets to Saratoga at special rates. The courtesy was gratefully recognized by the Synod.

It having been announced that the Rev. Charles Scott, of Holland, Mich., on his way to the Synod had been overtaken by a double affliction in being prostrated by sickness, and at the same time called to part with a beloved child suddenly removed by death, the Synod passed an appropriate resolution of sympathy with the bereaved brother and his family, commending them to the tender care and loving kindness of the Lord.

In view of the determination of the Synod to meet next year at Grand Rapids, Mich., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Elders Samuel Sloan, Peter S. Danforth, and G. Van Nostrand, be, and are hereby, appointed a Committee on transportation, and that they be requested to procure the lowest rates of travel practicable for the Eastern members of the next General Synod to and from their meeting in June, 1884, at Grand Rapids, Mich.

A communication was received from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, calling the attention of the Synod to the condition of Rev.

Dr. Livingston's monument, the inscription having become almost illegible. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the condition of the monument of Rev. Dr. John H. Livingston be commended to the attention of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, and that they be empowered to act in the matter according to their discretion.

In response to an invitation of Synod, Rev. J. A. H. Cornell made a brief address concerning the history of the monument erected in honor of the late Mr. James Suydam, by a few of his personal friends, and which stands on the Seminary grounds at New Brunswick.

The following resolution was laid upon the table:

Resolved, That the Committees on Nominations and Correspondence be instructed hereafter to report a single, instead of a double, list of names, and that immediately upon the adoption of the reports of these Committees, the Stated Clerk shall cast the ballot of the Synod for the brethren whose names are thus reported.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. Dr. A. S. Hunt, of the American Bible Society, addressed the Synod on behalf of that society.

The Committee on Benevolent Institutions presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee would respectfully report that an abstract of the Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the American Bible Society has been placed in their hands.

From this it appears that the Society has entered upon the Fourth General Supply of the people of this land with the Word of God. Three hundred and eleven colporteurs have been employed in twenty-eight of the forty-eight states and territories. They report 825,685 families visited; of whom 124,333 were found destitute of the Scriptures.

The work of the Society in foreign lands has been carried on

with vigor, and the number of copies of the Bible circulated in these lands has largely increased.

Your Committee would recommend the following :

Resolved, That the Synod learns with great satisfaction of the successful prosecution by the American Bible Society of the work of supplying the people of this land with the Word of God.

Resolved, That this Synod is in hearty sympathy with the work of the American Bible Society, and commends it to our churches for their support.

WILLIAM H. CLARK, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence beg leave to present the following Report :

No direct communication of any kind has been placed in the hands of your Committee ; but since Systematic Beneficence is of vital importance to the life and growth of any Church, and since it is partly the object for which this Committee was called into existence, "to consider the financial statements contained in the reports of the Boards," we would call the attention of General Synod to a few items.

1. And first of all, churches must never forget that God carries out His work in this world through human agencies. It is not the question, what He can do? We know He is able to accomplish all things by His almighty power. But it has pleased Him to build up and extend His kingdom on this earth through human instrumentalities. And this requires means; hence arises the necessity of giving.

2. We do not now lay particular stress upon the *manner* and *spirit* in which Christian liberality ought to be performed. Nor do we stop to call attention to the *amount* and *proportion* which Christians ought to give—these things have been presented to Synod again and again. But we do lay stress upon the *duty* of giving. It must be remembered that Christians are not their own—they have been bought with a price—even the precious blood of Christ. Their property is not their own ;

they are in this respect also the stewards of the Lord. Great is the responsibility that rests upon them. If they withhold from the Lord's treasury what is due to Him, they become guilty of robbery.—Mal. 3, 8.

3. Again, this duty is binding upon *all*. All are under obligation to give. We maintain that no church is so poor, but that it *can* give something; and, therefore, *ought* to give something for the extension of God's kingdom on the earth. The idea is but too prevalent: if churches are weak they are under no obligation, and hence free from giving. But this is contrary to the order of Scriptures: "*Every one* must lay by him in store." And here it should be borne in mind that the *mites* of the widow are counted by Him, "who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;"—yea, considered of greater value than the larger sums of the rich. Nor should any church ever forget—whether poor or rich—that it is a most blessed work. Aye, it has its reward here in this life, and will have its reward more abundantly in the life to come. The words of our Lord are most explicit: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts, 20, 35.

4. And lastly, we must not omit to call attention to the fact that giving, in order to be successful, must be systematic, not spasmodic. This the Apostle has taught us in I. Cor., 16, 1-2. Churches should, therefore, contribute systematically. But we need not enlarge here. Now, on examining the receipts of the Board of Foreign Missions, which we take as an example to illustrate what we intend to set forth, we find that there are a large number of churches within the bounds of this Synod, who, during the past ecclesiastical year have not given anything to that Board. There are also a number of Classes in which nearly half the number of the churches have not given so much as a farthing during the past year to that Board. Truly, this is alarming. It is undoubtedly one of the most important Boards of our Church. And whatever reason there may be for a single church here or there, yet, on the whole your Committee fails to find valid excuses why these churches have failed to contribute anything. Now, we say, it is not fair that the willing churches—who contribute liberally—should bear the whole burden. Besides, such course will be attended by disastrous effects; for these churches fail to fulfill their high mission. No church is placed in the world simply

to provide for its own existence. It is obvious that the great command : "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is resting upon all. And we firmly believe, if such a course be continued in, the result for those churches will be dearth and spiritual death. Now, it is very likely that those churches which are delinquent to the Board of Foreign Missions, have done very little for the other Boards also. In view of these facts and the pressing wants of the work committed to our hands,

Resolved, 1st: That General Synod hereby commends this matter of Systematic Beneficence to the earnest attention of all our Classes.

Resolved, 2d: That Pastors and Consistories of those churches which are delinquent, are hereby urged through their Classes immediately to use such measures as in their own judgment shall be best adapted to gain the desired end, viz: that all our churches shall contribute regularly to the Boards of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BROEK, *Chairman*.

The following resolution in reference to the foregoing report was adopted:

WHEREAS, it is of the highest importance to educate the Church in the work of systematic beneficence;

Resolved, That the pastors of all our churches be recommended to read the report of General Synod on this subject, as well as that on the State of Religion, annually to their congregations.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30th, 1883, by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.

[See Synod's Proceeding, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Albany.							
First Albany.....	20	25	20	.....	20	20	
Madison Avenue.....	74 20	392 97	628 95	.....	.....	.....	140 26
Third Albany.....							
Fourth Albany.....	7	9	20 50				
Holland Albany.....	8	15	23 05				
First Bethlehem.....							
Second Bethlehem.....	14 11	30	116 45				
Second Berne.....	5 63	1 80	2 11				
Knox.....	9 35	7 28	2 23				
Clarksville.....							
Cocymans.....	9 17	107 36	107 36				
Jerusalem.....	4 92	5 78	10 53				3 69
New Salem.....							
Onisquethaw.....	.....	.....	2 43				
Union.....	.....	3	9				
New Baltimore.....	7 01	26 70	109 30	10 96			
Westerlo.....	.....	.....	16				
Classis of Bergen.							
English Neighborhood.....	8 70	5	22	2 05	.....	15	8
First Hackensack.....	.....	95	825	.....	.....	.....	50
Schraalenbergh.....	27 15	87 11	51 68	21 36	17	.....	28 04
New Durham.....	21 75	50	214 54	.....	36	36 43	
Park, Jersey City.....	12 38	31 80	44 87	6 93	.....	33 95	
First Hoboken.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
North Bergen.....	.....	15	20	.....	.....	.....	5 60
Second Hackensack.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Hackensack.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
German Hoboken.....	12 80	.....	22 80	.....	.....	.....	15
Closter City.....	.....	10	17 75	.....	.....	.....
Palisades.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guttenburgh.....	.....	8 69	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cent. Av. Jersey City Heights.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Lee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherry Hill.....	.....	33 22	.....	.....	.....	.....
Secaucus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Valley.....	1 51	2 84	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Classis of Bergen.							
Bergen.....	16 88	135 26	510 26	16 06	.....	.....	22 60
First Jersey City.....	.....	65 04	68 50	.....	.....	.....
First Bayonne.....	16 39	18 31	33	12 36	.....	.....
Second Jersey City.....	10 95	108 74	277 56	2 70	.....	.....	10 35

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of Bergen.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Bergen Point.....	27 35	152 50	202 50	.....	.....	50	40
Second Hudson City.....	12 88	20	.....	7 75	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette.....	35	114 76	268	5	10	10	10
Greenville.....	.....	.....	127 31	.....	.....	.....	.....
Free Jersey City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Bayonne.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Bergen.....	3 61	6 81	9 17	1 56	87	2 10	.....
Classis of Cayuga.							
Canastota.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cicero.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittenango.....	5 86	9 15	28	.....	.....	6 21	.....
Naumburg.....	4	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bremen.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Owasco.....	.....	7	21 70	1 00	.....	6 90	3 60
Owasco Outlet.....	9 20	35 23	15	4 50	.....	9 50	.....
Syracuse.....	.....	38 98	230 83	.....	.....	5 71	35 10
Thousand Isles.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Utica.....	.....	107 31	205 72	.....	.....	16 79	.....
West Leyden.....	3	39 37	6 07	.....	3	.....	12
Classis of Grand River.							
Detroit.....	.....	14 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fremont Centre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Grand Haven.....	45 30	10	72 33	.....	9 65	.....	.....
Second Grand Haven.....	25	10	108 42	.....	.....	7	.....
Second Grand Rapids.....	40	110	170	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Grand Rapids.....	25	25	46	.....	.....	.....	12 65
Fourth Grand Rapids.....	10	26 70	3 17	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grandville.....	5 50	20 75	29 75	.....	.....	.....	50
Kalamazoo.....	22 92	39 13	322	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montague.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Muskegon.....	63	.....	177 33	.....	.....	.....	47 25
Polkton.....	.....	15 70	5 04	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Haven.....	.....	3 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Lake.....	6	30	54 47	.....	.....	.....	.....
Twin Lakes.....	.....	2 89	13 68	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Geneva.							
Abbe Church.....	7 50	9	34	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arcadia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cato.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caroline.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clymer.....	6 80	10 36	39	5 20	.....	.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	2 08	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Williamson.....	28	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fair Haven.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Farmer Village.....	11 06	28 27	20 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Geneva.....	7 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lodi.....	11 12	39 56	60 27	8 31	4 52	11 12	13 92
Marion.....	.....	9 50	31 40	.....	.....	.....	11
Mina.....	1 89	2 33	2 58	.....	2 20	.....	.....
Pultneyville.....	6	5	37 31	.....	.....	.....	6
Rochester.....	43 58	42 29	164 29	.....	.....	.....	12 16
Tyre.....	16 29	44 75	.....	2 25	3 00	3 00	.....
Classis of Greene.							
First Athens.....	10	57 50	117 50	5	.....	.....	5

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Second Athens.....							
Catskill.....		35 20	157 96	507 55	4 79	12 23	35 64
First Cossackie.....	9 87	21 10	55 07	3 18		3 50	
Second Cossackie.....	11 25	64 10	149 63		4 59	6 32	6 88
Kiskatom.....	15	63 10	60 52	12	9 63	9 63	100
Leeds.....	6 50	29	24	6	3 50	3 50	4
Classis of Holland.							
Beaverdam.....	8 50	9	8				
Cleveland.....		14	12 00				
Drenthe.....							
East Overijssel.....							
Ebenczer.....	21 96		12 20				
Fynaart.....							
Graafschap.....	8 13		84 94				
First Holland.....	20 54	6 98	90 72	16 37			
Third Holland.....	29 85	8	102 43				
North Holland.....		10	60				24
Jamestown.....	20	14 40	105 25				
Overijssel.....	151 74	57 76	380 51				
Rotterdam.....		10 60	10 40				
Saugatuck.....							
Vriesland.....		15 75	180 18				
Zabriskie.....							
Zeeland.....	100 02	45	491 57				
Classis of Hudson.							
Hudson.....	34 80	166 98	472 32		20		31 86
First Claverack.....	12	22 70	81 80				8
Second Claverack.....	25 10	20 91	78				
Linlithgo.....	6	20	36 95				
Greenport.....			179 38				
Germantown.....	7	10	22		5	5	7
Upper Red Hook.....	15 42	48	202 71				
Taglikanic.....			23 13				
Gallatin.....	7 57	5 80	13 78				
Livingston at Linlithgo.....			12 60				
Classis of Illinois.							
Fair View.....	8 81	11 42	117 46				
First Pekin.....		11 95	6 06				
Spring Lake.....							
Raritan.....	44	74 25	20				225
Bushnell.....			58 33				
First Pella.....	15 95	18 70	120			15 45	
Havana.....	4 66	23 83	4 85				
Second Pella.....		2 28	2 29				
Third Pella.....			23 45				
Otley.....							
Bethel.....			23 60				
Orange City.....			47 86				30
Norris.....	4	5	5	3 80		2	1 50
Norwood Park.....	5						
Irving Park.....	5	2 40					
Parkersburg.....							
Second Pekin.....							
East Orange.....	14 51	22	19 21				15 80
West Branch.....	6	12 34	23 28	6			
Manito.....							
Washington.....		23 55					

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Illinois.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Dakota							
Van Den Berg, Memorial.....		3 60					
Classis of Kingston.							
Bloomingdale.....		4 25	5 00				
The Clove.....	21	19 51	66 14	5 19	3 75	3 75	4
Dashville Falls.....							
Guilford.....	7 50	6 33	6 30	4			
Hurley.....	8 68	40 61	87 61				
Second Kingston.....		27 51	72 50	4 60	6 67		7 93
Krumville.....		5 25	6 02				
Lyonsville.....							
Marbletown.....	4 24	12 43	37 73			3 56	5 25
Marbletown, North Church.....		27 85				6	4 53
New Paltz.....	20	47 57	228 68				
Rochester.....			20				
Rosendale.....		8	6			1 75	
St. Remy.....			2		2 62	2 57	1 62
N. Classis of Long Island							
Jamaica.....	25 14	194 19	133 65	20		15 71	17 87
Newtown.....	10 48	137 06	102 72	8 20	8 67	17 16	35
Oyster Bay.....	6 08	62 30	70 78	7 62	9 85		9 08
North Hempstead.....	9 62	16 79	17 77	10			
Williamsburgh.....		55 50					
Astoria.....	19	158 85	355	16 25	14	14	38
Flushing.....	17 50	74 40	165 45				
Greenpoint.....	35 73	62 09	297 49			15 66	20 44
South Bushwick.....			90 50				
Second Astoria.....	10	5	5				
East Williamsburgh.....			62 60				
Queens.....	19 05	186	223	9 53		17 26	21 21
German Evan. Brooklyn.....	45	32 32	22	2	5	5	3
Sayville.....	3 23	3 32	4 00	3	4 33	3 54	4 60
Locust Valley.....			29 80		5 30	5 30	18 50
College Point.....	6 31	46 68	62 44	5 80	11 15	8 75	7 61
Laurel Hill.....							
First Long Island City.....							
Bushwick.....							
German Evan. Jamaica.....	2	15	13	1	2	2	2
Jericho.....		2					
S. Classis of Long Island.							
Brooklyn.....	311 61	464 52	763 93	27 33	16 06	16 06	167 98
Flatbush.....	607	1290 82	1244 92	26 31			37 88
Flatbush Mission.....	8 05	22	37	3	3 11	3 28	5 43
New Utrecht.....		72	384 28				210 65
Gravesend.....	30 50	99 51	215 57	18 45	12 50	12 50	48 75
Flatlands.....	55 61	76 88	151 51	32		16 72	35 31
New Lots.....		46	186 81	10 65			110 65
East New York.....	20	19 41	72 39		8 90	8 90	17 50
South Brooklyn.....			162 15	4 80			
Middle Brooklyn.....			104 75			40 87	
Twelfth Street, Brooklyn.....	48 03	165 67	119 50	14 16			21 63
North Brooklyn.....		21 80	25				
Church on the Heights.....	375 46	593 64	2016 75			74 51	160 86
New Brooklyn.....	10	26 85	18	2	1 35	1	3
Bedford, Brooklyn.....	10	27 50	10				
Second Flatbush.....		8 76	5 75				
Canarsie.....	3 50	3 25	3 25				
St. Thomas, W. I.....		25					

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Michigan.							
Centreville.....	7 83	9 14	39 25	.....	.....	.....	8 68
Constantine.....	25	30	43 50	.....	.....	.....	5 00
De Spelder.....	1 45	2 35	1 07	.....	98	98	.....
Grand Rapids.....	30	95 97	92 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hope, Second Holland.....	12 54	23 68	21 64	.....	.....	.....	10 24
Macon.....	.....	.....	14 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Porter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Bend.....	2 50	8 15	5 25	1 25	1 60	1 75	7 69
South Macon.....	.....	4	5 56	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pittsford.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Monmouth.							
First Freehold..	6 50	.....	25 43	3 51	.....	.....	9 36
Holmdel.....	29 10	60 83	62 87	16 40	5 50	.....	45
Spottswood.....	7 16	4 47	2 27	3 47	.....	3 63	.....
Middletown.....	5	15	15 50	2	3	5	.....
Second Freehold.....	16 61	82 42	188 70	19 41	.....	4 97	71 11
Keyport.....	5	20	10	1	2 15	3	1
First Long Branch.....	6 77	11	15	2	5	5	11
Colt's Neck.....	8 10	33	61 50	6 67	3	3 09	10
Highlands.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Asbury Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Long Branch.....	.....	10	15 36	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Montgomery.							
Aurriesville.....	5 02	11	9 27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canajoharie.....	7 17	15	72 30	6 30	5 12	5 11	11 16
Columbia.....	.....	6 50	7	.....	.....	.....	6 50
Cranesville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Currytown.....	4 25	12 94	25 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ephratah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	18	18	32	.....	.....	10	.....
Fonda.....	10	99 85	208 86	.....	10 50	.....	12 50
Fort Plain.....	35	40	60	.....	15	16 15	.....
Fort Herkimer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fultonville.....	10	32 64	31 12	.....	4 25	6 46	3 18
Glen.....	11 75	35 25	37 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hagaman's Mills.....	21 08	53 92	67 27	6 50	6 95	5 95	10 93
Henderson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Herkimer.....	30	44 43	64 80	5	1 90	1 90	25
Indian Castle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manheim.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mapletown.....	1 60	.....	2 51	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mohawk.....	6 50	15 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port Jackson.....	19 83	29 51	52 58	19 77	.....	.....	.....
St. Johnsville.....	3 78	27 13	33	4 82	.....	.....	.....
Spraker's Basin.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stone Arabia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Newark.							
Belleville.....	10 27	93 51	97 70	.....	7 22	.....	.....
First Newark.....	29 07	192 25	676 99	15 51	20 43	30 60	20 28
Irvington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Newark.....	.....	46 70	71 28	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Newark.....	.....	1378 34	2154 50	.....	50	50	.....
West Newark.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton Avenue.....	22 83	216 69	403 78	.....	9 99	9 99	10
East Newark.....	2 50	12 25	.....	2 49	2 49	.....	.....
Linden.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodside.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stone House Plains.....	.....	.....	32 06	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange.....	31 89	70 26	838 30	72 78	.....	.....	.....
Trinity, Plainfield.....	21	164 71	309 67	10 50	25 17	25 17	.....

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis New Brunswick.							
First New Brunswick.....	49 15	268 08	457 06	43 36			
Six Mile Run.....	24 25	259 50	229 15	19 54	8 91	8 92	28 88
Hillsborough.....	17 47	80 05	157 94				
Middlebush.....	11 81	97 08	117 90	6 58		5	5 65
Griggstown.....		61 48	57 25	4 33			2 80
Second New Brunswick.....	38 27	197 83	1080 83	24 27	19 63	19 63	45 37
Bound Brook.....		22 20	23				
Third New Brunswick.....			27 45				
East Millstone.....	11 99	24 33	17 16	4 68			
Metuchen.....		10 50	19		7 84		
Classis of New York.							
New York, (Collegiate).....	654 05	12569 94	4370 18	205 24	122 40	397 21	1891 98
Harlem.....	34 99	119 35	218 35	12 41		35 77	54 34
South, New York.....	18 25	320	868 59	58 15		79 85	
Staten Island.....		52 65					
Bloomington.....							
Madison Avenue.....		407 38	500 22		47	47	132 37
Thirty-fourth Street.....	20 36	48 45	110 84	16 05	10 23	10	23 72
German Evan. Mission.....	50	75	350	15		10	135
Richmond.....							
Huguenots.....		9 26					
St. Paul's, Mott Haven.....		39 17	123 25	7 62	10		109 09
Union, High Bridge.....	27 25	140 05	78	9	10	25	50
Fourth German.....	13 58	36 50	13	10	10	10	
Prospect Hill.....	40	75	160	20	15	20	37
Holland.....		92 01	7	3 20	3 03	5	6 26
Brookfield, Conn.....			3				
Avenue B, German Evan.....	4	4	5		4	3	
Brighton Heights.....	46 07	36 74	40 92	21 54	11 69	11 70	21 72
Union, Sixth Avenue.....	9 50	13	164 06	10			
German, Norfolk St.....							
Mattoax and Amelia C. H.....							
Kreischersville.....							
Orangeburg, S. C.....		5					
Classis of Orange.							
Berea.....	10 97						
Bloomington.....		14 97	10 08				
Callicott.....		6					
Claraville.....		6					
Cuddebackville.....			6 07				
Deer Park.....	21	151 50	294 87	14		12 30	
Ellenville.....		55 23	69 53				
Fallsburgh.....	2	8 50	22 50	10		7	2
Grahamville.....							
Kerhonkson.....							
Mamakating.....		7	4				
Minnisink.....		3 15					
Montgomery.....	51 17	291 99	652 20				
Newburgh.....	20	20 17	148 75				
New Hurley.....	25 25	25 24		23 50			
New Prospect.....		28 30	40 25	4 66		5 45	5
Shawangunk.....			9				16
Unionville.....							
Walden.....		49 50	157 12				
Wallkill Valley.....	9		17 14	4 13			
Walpack, Upper.....							
Walpack, Lower.....	9 55	8 24	10 83	8 50			
Warwarsing.....	3 80	13 09	56 73	2 16	1 60	1 65	1

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Classis of Paramus.							
Acquanackanouk.....	42	130	742	15	5	25
Broadway, Paterson.....	39 14	39 14	300 46	15 35	13 89	7 62	
Clarkstown.....	31 67	100 10	81 08	.....	4 36	4 36	
First Holland, Paterson.....	3 19	4 17	33 46	.....	.....	3 61	
Holland, Lodi.....	1 75	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Holland, Passaic.....	.....	6 25	36 50	.....	.....	.....
Holland, Wortendyke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Lodi.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....
North Passaic.....	17	35	247 42	.....	.....	16 23	38 65
Nyack.....	244	93 45	371 78	22	9	20 87	100
Paramus.....	20 05	52 62	84 37	.....	.....	.....	20 76
Pascack.....	7 09	9 18	17	10 70	1 83	1 84	6 70
Piermont.....	17	58	118 40	.....	11 43	.....	17
Ramapo.....	.....	8 50	6 50	.....	.....	.....
Ramseys.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ridgewood.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....
Saddle River.....	.....	5	29 50	.....	.....	.....
Second Totowa.....	.....	131 07	130 68	.....	.....	.....
Spring Valley.....	14 40	3	72	.....	.....	.....
Tappan.....	.....	50	25	.....	.....	.....
Warwick.....	28 34	69 31	163 83	33 18	.....	15 19	10 70
West New Hempstead.....	.....	21 25	21 26	.....	.....	.....
Centreville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Passaic.							
Boardville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boonton.....	7	5	68	.....	2	2	3 11
Fairfield.....	.....	25	91	.....	.....	.....
Franklin Furnace.....	.....	8	27 50	.....	.....	.....
Little Falls.....	.....	8 50	33	.....	.....	.....
Montville.....	11 61	10	126 47	5	.....	.....
Sixth Paterson, Holland.....	.....	.....	55 01	.....	.....	.....
Pompton Plains.....	.....	78 33	268 37	.....	.....	.....
Pompton.....	31 33	53 50	136 05	5	.....	.....	45 84
Ponds.....	.....	5	31	5	.....	.....	5
Preakness.....	11 76	10 29	75 18	.....	.....	.....	5
First Totowa.....	5 80	15 25	230 11	.....	7 55	5	4 65
Union Reformed.....	4	5	44	.....	.....	3	5
Wyckoff.....	5	11 35	59 05	1 50	1 50	1 50	2
Classis of Philadelphia.							
Harlingen.....	17	31 29	27	.....	.....	.....
Neshanic.....	11 03	42 66	139 99	9	8 32	.....	11 43
First Philadelphia.....	21	49 65	211 71	.....	.....	.....
Blawenburgh.....	.....	82 10	108 19	.....	.....	.....
Addisville.....	10 81	22 20	17	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Hill.....	3 84	17 47	59 21	.....	.....	2 67	
Fifth Philadelphia.....	20	25	35	.....	.....	.....	20
Clover Hill.....	10 80	.....	56 95	.....	.....	.....
Three Bridges.....	.....	8 50	14 07	.....	.....	.....
Second Philadelphia.....	74 70	111 50	204 06	66 20	.....	.....
Stanton.....	.....	26	9 14	.....	.....	.....
North and South Hampton.....	12 25	62 39	225 97	3 80	.....	2 50	23 50
Third Philadelphia.....	53 49	53 55	100	.....	.....	.....
Fourth Philadelphia.....	5	40	121	5	.....	5	5
Classis of Poughkeepsie.							
First Poughkeepsie.....	43 17	171 70	746 94	.....	31 74	31 74	
Second Poughkeepsie.....	54	71 39	240 78	.....	.....	.....	17 63
Fishkill.....	82	
Hopewell.....	31 85	174 39	5	8	5	21
New Hackensack.....	18 10	30	160	7 20	2	3	10

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Classis of Schenectady.							
First Schenectady.....	15 96		144 89				7 81
Second Schenectady.....			59 50				
First Glenville.....	10	71	100 77	5	10	10	20
Second Glenville.....							
First Rotterdam.....	10	13 25	88 72		8 72		
Second Rotterdam.....			6				
Helderberg.....	8 50	16 50	16 50			8 50	8 70
Niskayuna.....	17	30 40	150 16	11 27	2 36		23 44
Lisha's Kill.....	14 40	13 41	98 75	9 60	2 16		21 70
Amity.....		19 70	19 70		2 74	3 18	5 85
Princeton.....	10 43	13	14 16	3 03			
Classis of Schoharie.							
Schoharie.....	18 90	36 90	62 46				
Middleburgh.....	5 50	10	48				
Gallupville.....	5	13 54	8 46				
Berne.....		16 25	14 60				
Beaverdam.....		6	6 75				
Lawyersville.....							
Schoharie Mountain.....		5	4 53				
North Bienenheim.....		4 37	9 37				
Breakabin.....		1 90	1 90				
Sharon.....		13 25	9				
Gilboa.....	5 50	6 11	14	6			
Central Bridge.....							
Prattsville.....							
Moresville.....							
Classis of Ulster.							
Blue Mountain.....	8	29 12	24 22				
Caatsbaan.....	10 06	42	268 18	9 10	3 75	3 75	7 50
Esopus.....	3	4	25		5	7	2 50
Flatbush.....	8 55	28 82	70 16				7 37
Kingston.....	129 45	312 78	609 40				
North Esopus.....	6 50	36 35	51 80	2 50	3 09		2 50
Plattekill.....	9 41	13 33	40 28				
Roxbury.....	5	8 72		5			
Saugerties.....	16 39	52 90	164 58				
Shandaken.....		10	7				
Shokan.....			61 75		5		
Stewartville.....							
West Hurley.....			25 50				
Woodstock.....	3 33					3 80	
Wiltwyck.....	2 74	3 71	111 64		2 56		2 51
Classis of Westchester.							
Bronxville.....				10 65		8 26	
Courtlandtown.....		7 45	4 59				
Fordham.....	27 31	124 73	170 60			23 80	7 80
Greenburgh.....							
Greenville.....		15	134		2		8
Hastings.....							
Melrose.....		5				10	
Mt. Vernon.....	27 55	44 23	201 97		15 40	15 41	
Peekskill.....			25				
First Tarrytown.....	21	16 06	93				
Second Tarrytown.....	20 50	40	360				52
Unionville.....	3 45						
West Farms.....	1 15	45 28	1 25		1 90		
Yonkers.....	26 72	101 69	369 47	13 07	8 74	10	24 36

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Classis of Wisconsin.							
Alto.....	5	262 86				
Bethlehem.....	6 50	41				
Cedar Grove.....	16	17 12	70				
Chicago.....	56 57	85 50	201 78	5	5	5
Danforth.....	5 35	.....	24 94				
Ebenezer.....	10	22 91	61	.....	.....	.....	10
Forresteron.....	22	29	75				
Franklin.....							
Fulton.....	.....	44 75	126 37	12 50	13 50	.....	16 50
Gibbsville.....	16 75	8 10	145 21				
Greenleafston.....	5	12	37 60				
First Holland, Neb.....	21 19	39 24	221 19	.....	8 13	.....	16
Second Holland, Neb.....							
Lansing.....							
Milwaukee.....	23 01	.....	86				
New Amsterdam.....							
Oostburg.....	.....	14 75	16 66				
Peoria, Ill.....	14	22 35	21 55				
Roseland.....	25	.....	158 70				
Silver Creek.....	.....	20 10	222 53				
South Holland.....	15	32	134	.....	.....	10	
Sheboygan Falls.....	17 60	.....	15 60				

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The Stated Clerk presented the following report, which was accepted and approved:

REPORT ON THE ARCHIVES.

The Stated Clerk begs leave to report that since the last meeting of General Synod, extensive improvements have been made in the arrangements for preserving the records and papers of the General Synod, and of the Particular Synods and Classes. By the kindness of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, additional shelves have been built, and facilities now exist for the systematic arrangement and the preservation of any valuable records which the judicatories may wish to deposit in the Archives for safe keeping.

A large number of the Minutes of the General Synod have been stored in the basement of the Library, which will be fitted up as need may require. Through the diligent efforts of the Permanent Clerk, Rev. Dr. Ten Eyck, who has devoted a great deal of time and labor to the object, additional sets of the Minutes are being completed. He has also assorted and arranged in systematic order the papers belonging to the various ecclesiastical bodies and Boards of the Church. We are endeavoring to secure full sets of all the reports of the Benevolent Boards from the beginning, as well as the older Minutes of the General and Particular Synods. These documents are often found stowed away in the garrets of the descendants of Ministers and Elders of the Church, to whom they are of no value. If those who have any such documents will take the trouble to send them to the Gardner A. Sage Library, addressed to either the Stated or Permanent Clerk of General Synod, a great favor will be conferred, and many valuable papers will be preserved for future generations.

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

Rev. C. Van Santvoord, on behalf of Mr. J. Livingston Switz, presented a manuscript copy of the 'Theological Lectures of Rev. Dr. John H. Livingston, and also two manuscript volumes of Lectures on Church Government, by Prof. John Schureman, D.D., whereupon it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Synod be presented to Mr. Switz for his very valuable and acceptable gift, which the Stated Clerk is hereby directed to deposit in the Gardner A. Sage Library at New Brunswick.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Accounts present the following report:

They recommend that the expenses of the Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago be paid according to the rule of General Synod (adopted 1857, vol. ix., pp. 467, Minutes of General Synod), as follows:

Three from the Classis of Grand River, \$28; total....	\$84
Four " " " " Holland, \$21; total.....	84
Three " " " " Illinois, \$36; total.....	108
" " " " Michigan, \$28; total.....	84
Four " " " " Wisconsin, \$24; total.....	96

\$456

They also recommend the payment of the following bills:

For printing rolls and ballots.....	\$13 50
" Stationery.....	6 70
" Janitor.....	20

Total.....\$496 20

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY ENDERS.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish

1,300 copies of the Minutes of this General Synod, and that the price be printed on the cover.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this Synod appreciates, and returns its most hearty thanks to the Madison Avenue Reformed Church for the hospitality and kind attention to its convenience, which the Synod has received during its present session in Albany, and closes its work with earnest prayer for the prosperity of both pastor and people, for that of all our Reformed Churches in Albany, for all the families who have opened their doors for our entertainment, and for the cause of Christ in all this ancient Dutch city.

The Minutes were read and approved. The roll was called, and none were found absent without excuse.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod, having received two invitations, one from the Church of Syracuse, and another from the First Church of Grand Rapids, both being urgently pressed, finally decided to accept the latter, and passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to convey to the Pastor and Consistory of the Church of Syracuse the fraternal salutations of General Synod, with hearty thanks for the cordial invitation to hold the next meeting in their Church, and the assurance that the invitation was not accepted, only because the claims of the Western field, at this juncture in the history of the Church, were deemed peculiarly urgent.

Synod therefore resolved to convene in the First Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the first Wednesday of June, 1884, at 3 o'clock P. M., and was adjourned with Prayer by the President, the singing of the Doxology, and the Benediction by the Adressor.

WM. RANKIN DURYEE, *President*.

JAS. DEMAREST, JR., *Adressor*.

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk*.

WM. H. DE HART, }
WM. R. TAYLOR, } *Clerks pro tem.*

Official Minutes,

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk*.

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Presidents of General Synod.

DATE.	PRESIDENTS.	FROM WHAT STATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.
June, 1794—	Rev. Wm. Linn.....	New York..	Albany, N. Y.
“ 1797—	Rev. Dirck Romeyn.....	“	New York City.
“ 1800—	Rev. Ira Condict.....	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
“ 1803—	Rev. John H. Livingston....	New York..	Po'keepsie, N. Y.
May, 1804—	Rev. John H. Livingston....	“	New York City
June, 1806—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn..	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
Sept., 1807—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn..	“	Harlem, “
June, 1809—	Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	New York.	New York City.
“ 1812—	Rev. Jacob Sickles.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1813—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	New Jersey.	New York City.
June, 1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	New York..	“ “
“ 1815—	Rev. John Schureman.....	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1815—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Penns'vania.	New York City
June, 1816—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	“	“
“ 1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.	New York..	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.	“	Kingston, N. Y.
June, 1818—	Rev. William McMurray....	“	New York City.
Aug., 1818—	Rev. William McMurray....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1819—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	“	“ “
“ 1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	New Jersey.	New York City.
Oct., 1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1821—	Rev. Selah S. Woodhull....	New York..	“ “
“ 1822—	Rev. Philip Milledoler.....	“	New York City.
Feb., 1823—	Rev. Philip Milledoler.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1823—	Rev. Jesse Fonda.....	“	“ “
“ 1824—	Rev. Thomas De Witt.....	“	New York City.
Jan., 1825—	Rev. Thomas De Witt.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Penns'vania.	N. B'ns'ck, N. J.
Sept., 1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	“	“ “
Mch., 1826—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	“	New York City.
June, 1826—	Rev. John Ludlow.....	New York..	“ “
“ 1827—	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler..	“	Philadelphia, Pa.
“ 1828—	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker..	“	Albany, N. Y.
“ 1829—	Rev. John Knox	“	New York City.
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THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION, IN THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, ON WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR, AT THREE O'CLOCK, P. M. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY THE SYNOD ADJOURNED TO THE SECOND REFORMED CHURCH, AND CONTINUED ITS SESSIONS THERE UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING AT HALF PAST TEN O'CLOCK.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Rev. William R. Duryee, D.D., President of the last General Synod, called the meeting to order, opened with prayer, and on the evening of the first day preached the Synodical Sermon, from John X:10. "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—*Minister*, W. W. Scudder, D.D.

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CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—*Ministers*, David Cole, D.D., John K. Allen. *Elders*, George Stewart, T. Burwell, J. A. Van Tassel.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—*Ministers*, A. G. Lansing, E. Vedder, H. P. Craig. *Elders*, W. H. Derouville, A. S. Van Derzee.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—*Ministers*, I. S. Hartley, D.D., E. C. Lawrence, J. M. Reiner. *Elder*, S. Bonta.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—*Ministers*, D. J. DeBey, J. W. Te Winkle, P. G. M. Bahler. *Elders*, J. DeGelleke, J. Van Doren.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—*Ministers*, G. J. Van Neste, J. H. Salisbury, B. Van Zandt, D.D. *Elders*, M. G. Van Slyke, Wm. L. King, James E. Elting.

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CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—*Ministers*, Aug. F. Todd, E. N. Sebring, Andrew Parsons. *Elders*, Hon. P. S. Danforth, John Hyney.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—*Ministers*, B. C. Lippincott, A. A. Zabriskie, J. G. Van Slyke, D.D. *Elders*, Chris. Fiero, John J. Boice, T. P. Osterhout.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF CHICAGO.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—*Ministers*, H. E. Dosker, George Niemeyer, G. Dangremond, A. Kriekard. *Elders*, J. Koke, H. J. W. Kampman, A. Pyl, F. Van Driele.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—*Ministers*, N. M. Steffens, Peter Lepeltak, S. Van der Meulen. *Elders*, H. Klomparands, J. A. Wilterdink, A. T. Huizinga, Jacob Den Herder.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—*Ministers*, J. S. Joralmon, H. W. Warnshuis, J. W. Warnshuis. *Elders*, C. Rhynsberger, E. M. Hoff, R. S. Voorhees.

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CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—*Ministers*, John Muller, Bernardus de Bey, A. Wormser. *Elders*, A. Biemold, H. J. Mentink.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—*Ministers*, Geo. Seibert, Wm. R. Gordon, D.D., Wm. H. Scudder. *Elders*, H. Van Buskirk, Thos. Ray, Henry Bell.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—*Ministers*, P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., W. Westerfield, Jr., W. W. Knox. *Elders*, C. C. Van Reypen, G. E. Winants, T. P. Sherwood.

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CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—*Ministers*, H. E. Nies, Albert A. King, J. H. Owens. *Elders*, John Witte, J. Cornelisse.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Ministers*, Samuel Streng, C. Schenck, Wm. B. Voorhees. *Elders*, Chas. Lefferts, A. W. Givin, J. V. H. Whitlock.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—*Ministers*, Gilbert Lane, J. P. Searle, J. L. McNair. *Elders*, Peter J. Quick, Hon. R. H. Veghte, H. M. Demun.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived on the Second Day.—*Ministers*, A. P. Van Gieson, A. G. Lansing, Edwin Vedder, B. Van Zandt, B. C. Lippincott, A. Wormser, William H. Scudder, George W. Labaw, John A. Van Neste. *Elders*, J. Hasbrouck, James D. Elting.

On the Third Day.—*Ministers*, H. A. Hendrickson, W. W. Knox, A. Kriekard, as secundus to succeed George Niemeyer.

On the Fourth Day.—*Elder*, G. G. Cooper.

On the Sixth Day.—*Elders*, Silas B. Dutcher, A. Pyl, Jacob Van Herder, as secundus to succeed J. A. Witterdink.

On the Eighth Day.—*Elder*, F. Van Driele, secundus to H. J. W. Kampman.

EXCUSES.

Excused on the Seventh Day.—*Minister*, B. Van Zandt.

On the Eighth Day.—*Ministers*, G. S. Garretson, William L. King, John Steele, Andrew Parsons, A. A. Zabriskie, J. G. Van Slyke, William H. Scudder, John A. Van Neste, Hasbrouck DuBois. *Elders*, Daniel V. Weeks, John Ehlen, John DeBevoise, James E. Elting, J. H. DeRidder, John Hyney, T. P. Osterhout, H. J. W. Kampman, G. G. Cooper.

On the Ninth Day.—*Ministers*, D. N. Vanderveer, John G. Lansing, J. K. Rhinehart, E. N. Sebring, George S. Bishop, I. M. Reiner. *Elders*, Lambert Jenkins, John Statesir, J. Cornelisse, W. H. Derouville.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. David Cole was elected *President*; The Rev. Selah W. Strong was elected *Vice President*; The Rev. J. Preston Searle and the Rev. Peter Lepeltak were elected *Clerks pro tem*.

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last regular session were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

PROFESSORATE.—*Ministers*, John A. DeBaun, Charles I. Shepard, John W. Beardslee. *Elders*, A. W. Hobart, G. E. Winants.

OVERTURES.—*Ministers*, E. T. Corwin, William Westfield, Jr., William E. Griffis. *Elders*, Peter S. Danforth, William H. Kirk.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*, J. S. Joralmon, H. E. Dosker, George Seibert. *Elders*, James A. Seward, A. J. Lansing.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS AND CHURCH BUILDING FUND.—*Ministers*, Edward A. Collier, David N. Vanderveer, J. W. Warnshuis. *Elders*, H. Van Buskirk, David E. Case.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—*Ministers*, G. H. Mandeville, John K. Allen, William W. Scudder. *Elders*, George Stewart, Edo Kip.

STATE OF RELIGION—*Ministers*, N. M. Steffens, T. Romeyn Beck, J. Paschal Strong. *Elders*, Cornelis Doesburg, Isaac C. Haring,

EDUCATION—*Ministers*, C. E. Crispell, John Hutchins, John G. Lansing. *Elders*, John W. Ferdon, A. W. Givin.

JUDICIAL BUSINESS—*Ministers*, William R. Gordon, John L. McNair, Uriah D. Gulick. *Elders*, William H. Crosby, C. C. Van Reypen.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS—*Ministers*, Edward W. Bentley, Theo. W. Wells, Walter T. Griffin. *Elders*, John A. Van Tassel, John De Bevoise.

PUBLICATION—*Ministers*, Herman C. Berg, John H. Oerter, Vernon B. Carroll. *Elders*, S. R. W. Heath, W. N. Clark.

NOMINATIONS—*Ministers*, G. J. Van Neste, W. B. Voorhees, Aug. F. Todd. *Elders*, Charles Lefferts, Rynier H. Veghte.

CORRESPONDENCE—*Ministers*, Isaac S. Hartley, Henry Vehslage, M. V. Schoonmaker. *Elders*, John DeMott, A. D. Bogert.

ACCOUNTS—*Ministers*, W. H. Vroom, C. E. Lasher, John G. Gebhard. *Elders*, A. D. Deyo, C. Rhynsberger.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE—*Ministers*, D. K. Van Doren, A. A. Zabriskie, H. P. Craig. *Elders*, A. Biemold, Tunis C. Pearse.

BOARD OF DIRECTION—*Elders*, Horatio P. Allen, R. N. Perlee, Lawrence Vanderveer, Theodotus Burwell, Daniel V. Weeks.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS—*Ministers*, George S. Bishop, John Steele, Ame Vennema. *Elders*, John Ehlen, Christopher Fiero.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE—*Ministers*, A. J. Sebring, J. H. Salisbury, James LeFevre. *Elders*, C. de Neufville, J. Koke.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in James Suydam Theological Hall, New Brunswick, on Thursday, May 20, 1884, and adjourned on Wednesday evening, after the closing exercises at the church.

After prayer by the retiring President, Rev. J. H. Suydam, D.D., the meeting was organized by the election of Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D.D., as President, and Rev. Robert Doig, as Clerk, *pro tem*.

The following members were present :

Classis of Albany—Rev. A. M. Arcularius.

Classis of Bergen—Rev. Isaac E. House.

Classis of Bergen (South)—Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, D.D.

Classis of Cayuga—Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D.D.

Classis of Hudson—Rev. William Smith.

Classis of Kingston—Rev. John B. Church.

Classis of Long Island (North)—Rev. Wm. H. DeHart.

Classis of Long Island (South)—Rev. Uriah D. Gulick.

Classis of Monmouth—Rev. Elias Mead.

Classis of New Brunswick—Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D.

Classis of New York—Rev. John H. Oerter, D.D.

Classis of Orange—Rev. E. W. Bentley, D.D.

Classis of Paramus—Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D.

Classis of Passaic—Rev. S. T. Searle.

Classis of Poughkeepsie—Rev. C. W. Fritts.

Classis of Raritan—Rev. Wm. Bailey.

Classis of Rensselaer—Rev. John B. Drury, D.D.

Classis of Saratoga—Rev. Selah W. Strong.

Classis of Schoharie—Rev. Robert Doig.

Classis of Ulster—Rev. Wm. A. Shaw.

ELDERS AT LARGE.

Particular Synod of Albany—W. H. Van Orden.

Particular Synod of New Brunswick—Lawrence Van Der-
veer.

The following Classes were not represented, viz: Arcot, Geneva, Grand River, Greene, Holland, Illinois, Michigan, Montgomery, Newark, Philadelphia, Schenectady, Westchester, Wisconsin.

Vacancies for the full term of three years are to be filled in the following, viz: South Classis of Bergen, Geneva, Michigan, Monmouth, New Brunswick, Orange, Philadelphia, Poughkeepsie and Raritan.

Of the Elders at Large to be appointed by General Synod, on nomination by the Committee on the Professorate, there are two from the Particular Synod of Albany in place of W. H. Van Orden and Peter S. Danforth; two from the Particular Synod of New York in place of Wm. H. Crosby and Henry Van Arsdale, M.D., and one from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick in place of Johnson Letson, the term of service of all three members having expired.

The following students have been in attendance during the past year :

Senior Class.

Marion T. Conklin,

Josiah E. Crane,

Joseph P. Davis.

Alfred H. Demarest,

Charles S. Dutton,

Gustavus Goebel,

T. John Kommers.,

Joel Loucks,

D. Charles Preyer,

Frederick W. Ruhl,

William Schmitz, Jr.,

Bastian Smits,

George H. Stephens,

Livingston L. Taylor,

Horace G. Underwood.

J. Russell Verbrycke,

Garret Wyckoff, Jr.

Middle Class.

Theodore A. Beckman,	Edwin Oscar Moffett,
William I. Chamberlain,	John Morrison,
Wm. Stockton Cranmer,	Henry D. B. Mulford,
John G. Fagg,	Philip W. Pitcher,
John H. Gillespie,	Daniel W. Skellenger,

Junior Class.

Junius C. Ayler,	John Laubenheimer,
Evert John Blekkink,	Albert Oltmans,
John Henry Brandow,	Robert V. Palmer,
Geo. Zabriskie Collier,	Dirk Scholten,
Jacob Dyk,	Evert W. Stapelkamp,
David F. Williams.	

The Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property is herewith transmitted.

The results of the examination of all the Classes were satisfactory.

The Board deem it desirable that our Board of Domestic Missions employ our students as much as practicable in missionary labors, during their Summer vacation.

The members of the Senior Class were unanimously recommended for their professorial certificates.

At the invitation of the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, the Board viewed the new Professorial residence, and the improvements made on other buildings of the Synod. The members of the Board were much gratified with the new residence and with the tasteful and convenient repairs, and orderings of all the Professorial residences, and would take this occasion to call the special attention of the Synod to the salaries of the Professors. The residences provided, the furniture required for social intercourse, the numerous calls for generous hospitality, and the needs of recreation call for pecuniary means beyond that of bygone years. The *inequality* also of the salaries of our Professors, the Board submits, should not be allowed to continue. For these reasons the Board would urge upon the Synod the immediate increase of the Permanent Seminary Fund.

The Report of the Faculty speaks of the acceptability and advantage of the instruction in the Biblical department given by Drs. Chambers and Corwin. This advantage has been apparent in the examinations. The Board hope that some means of compensating these brethren for their year's services may be devised, and arrangements made for the supplementing of the regular instruction until such time as a new professorship shall be established and filled.

With regard to students preaching, the Board would say that the evils of it are greater than the advantages, both to the students and the efficiency of the Seminary.

They have, however, no recommendations to make further than to remark the desirability of securing a sounder public opinion on the subject both in and out of the Seminary.

By a special committee appointed for the purpose, the following was reported, and adopted by the Board :

“Your Committee on the urgent needs of the Seminary, would respectfully report, that careful attention on the examinations, and inquiries as to the curriculum make clear that deficiencies at present existing are chiefly these—

“1. Instruction in elocution, which at present can only be provided by voluntary gifts of the Faculty, or clubbing together of the students, and as a fact has not recently been secured at all.

“2. Fuller instruction in Biblical Introduction, Biblical Criticism, Sacred History and Apologetics, as respects questions in the sphere of modern philosophy and science.

“3. As to Biblical antiquities, and the instruction of the Juniors in Hebrew and Greek Exegesis. The deficiency has been met the past year by the instruction of Drs. Chambers and Corwin, and hence the need of continuing to provide for these, as well as the other above mentioned needs, in counseling for the full equipment of the Seminary.

“It seems to the Board that the needs mentioned in the second classification of the Seminary's deficiency are the most pressing.”

The Board and students had a conference, at which each expressed, without restraint, their views and feelings relating to the Seminary and its interests and prospects.

The closing exercises were held in the First Reformed Church, on Wednesday evening. Addresses were delivered

by three members of the graduating class, after which the professorial certificates were presented to the graduates by Prof. Woodbridge, and the students listened to the closing address by the Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D.D.

Rev. Selah W. Strong was elected to deliver the address to the students next year, with Rev. C. W. Fritts as his secun-
dus.

C. E. CRISPELL,	} Committee.
ELIAS MEAD,	
WILLIAM A. SHAW,	

A true copy,

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF,

Stated Clerk.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, was received in printed form, together with the action of the Board of Superintendents in reference thereto, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate. (See printed report after the Minutes.)

A communication was received from the Consistory of the Church of Syracuse, inviting the Synod to hold its next regular meeting in that church. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

Nominations of members of the Board of Superintendents were received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication on Freemasonry was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

Communications relating to the action of the last General Synod, in reference to the forms for the admission of church members were received from the Classes of Paramus, Geneva, Holland, New York, Monmouth, Montgomery and Michigan, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A request to have the column for the number of Baptised non-communicants stricken from the statistical table was received from the Classis of Bergen, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A request for a dispensation in favor of Daniel Hoffman Martin was received from the Classis of New York, and referred to the same Committee.

A request from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick for the appointment of an agent for Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A communication in reference to Theological instruction at Hope College was received from the Particular Synod of Chicago, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication on the same subject from the Classis of Wisconsin was received, and referred to the same Committee.

A communication was received from the Classis of Wisconsin asking that students graduating from Presbyterian Theological Seminaries be admitted to an examination before the Classis, with the certificate of the Professors of those institutions, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A memorial from the Council of Hope College in reference to the early restoration of Theological instruction in the West was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication from the Trustees of Rutgers College in reference to the proportion of members of the Reformed Church in the Board of Trustees was received, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

Two communications from the Trustees of the North Western Classical Academy were received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The resignation of Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D., as Vedder Lecturer for 1885, was received and accepted.

The resignation of Mr. Warren Ackerman, as member of the Board of Direction, was received and accepted.

Requests for dispensations on behalf of certain students were presented by the members of the Classes of Raritan and Wisconsin, on the floor of Synod, and were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from Rev. P. Lepeltak, relating to collections for the endowment of a Theological department at Hope College, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Board of Directors of the Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids, offering the Synod the freedom of the club house during its sessions. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

An invitation to attend the exhibition of paintings held by

the artists of the city of Grand Rapids was received with thanks.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF DIRECTION OF THE CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction, with the usual documents, was received and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, except those relating to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, which were referred to the Committee on those Funds, and the part relating to vacancies to the Committee on Nominations.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Board of Direction of the Corporation respectfully report that at the end of the last year they received from the executor of the estate of Gardner A. Sage a bequest of fifty thousand dollars "for a new Professorship in the Theological Seminary situate at New Brunswick, the said sum to be invested properly at interest, and the interest and income arising therefrom to be applied to the support and maintenance of such Professorship."

The Board were directed (Minutes, p. 328), to secure additional instruction in the Seminary in case they deemed it "consistent with the terms of the legacy," to use its income for such a purpose.

After advising with counsel the Board decided that the income could not be so used until the Professorship contemplated in the bequest had been actually constituted and so no action was taken. When the Synod shall have formally established the new Professorship, it will be lawful for them to use the income of the bequest either in whole for a new Professor, or in part for lecturers in the seminary, the surplus being left to accumulate until the principal reaches sixty thousand dollars.

The Board was also directed (p. 250), to pay to Professors Woodbridge, De Witt, and Demarest, besides their salaries of \$2,500 each, the sum of \$500 each, provided there were funds

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in hand for such payment. We regret to say that there were no such funds, the surplus in the expense account of the Theological Seminary being apparent only and not real, that is, certain to be absorbed in payments falling due in the first month of the fiscal year.

Correspondence has been had on the subject of the Switz legacy, but no result has yet been reached.

In regard to the employment of an agent to present the claims of the Seminary (p. 329), the Board, in the exercise of the "discretion" allowed them, deemed it unwise to take action, and they recommend that this matter be referred entirely to the Synod's Committee on Endowments.

The two bonds for \$1,000 each of the Town of Thompson, in regard to which there has been a long course of litigation, have been sold for \$700 each, and the proceeds, \$1,400, have been added to the fund for securing a library, for which the bonds were originally given.

The Board was directed (p. 249) to discharge the Council of Hope College from their indebtedness of \$5,000 upon the Council's paying to the Board for the Synod \$762. As this condition has not been complied with, no action has been taken.

The Board call the attention of the Synod to the fact that there is constant confusion in the minds of many, both Ministers and laymen, in regard to the Widows' Fund and the Disabled Ministers' Fund. It would help to remove this confusion if the Synod would insert the word *assurance* in the title of the former, so that it would read the Widows' Assurance Fund, thus suggesting that its benefits are confined to subscribers, while the other is purely benevolent and is open to all applicants recommended by the several Classes. We are pained to say that the latter fund is still sadly inadequate to the claims made upon it, while the former is abundantly able to pay the maximum amount to all its beneficiaries.

The term of service of John Van Nest will expire at this meeting of the Synod.

There are in the Treasurer's hands certain notes and other evidences of indebtedness which have been long outlawed and are deemed of no value whatever. The Board suggest

that they be authorized and directed to lay aside these papers and no longer include them in the report.

One of the rules of the Widows' Fund is that "annual payments cannot be anticipated." This is very important until *five* annual payments have been made, but after that, has no influence. We advise, that in such cases, the Treasurer be authorized to receive and credit any advance payments.

We respectfully suggest to the Synod the propriety of simplifying the account of the Treasurer by merging the moneys entitled "Permanent Contingent Fund" and the "Centennial Seminary Fund" into the Permanent Seminary Fund.

There are twenty-three shares of Bergen County Turnpike stock on which dividends have been paid for more than fifty years. Ten of them, the Minutes state, (III, 172), belong to Rutger's College. We ask permission to transfer them to the College.

A bequest of \$500 for educational purposes was made by Mr. Mould, the payment of which would greatly embarrass his widow and children. We recommend that the bequest be relinquished.

THE WIDOWS' FUND.

This now amounts to \$63,520.50. The gifts from Churches and individuals during the year were \$2,121.81, and the annual payments from ministers \$1,285. Annuitants have been paid from the income the aggregate sum of \$3,769.17. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM BOGARDUS,
President.

T. W. CHAMBERS,
JOHN LEFFERTS,
WARREN ACKERMAN,
Directors.

JOHN VAN NEST,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 1, 1884.

N. B. The balance to the credit of expense account, is materially affected by the fact, that the General Synod, at their meeting in June last, ordered that the sums received upon special assessment toward the Fund for the Entertainment of Synod (\$739.18), be applied to the credit of the several Classes which had paid the special assessment. Consequently the amount received for contingent expenses, for the present year, is only \$709.87, while the aggregate of regular and special assessments received last year, amounted to \$2,104.71.

Also transfer to Hope College Endowment of \$500, conditioned to be so applied when the Endowment Fund reached \$30,000.

The following supplementary communication from two members of the Board of Direction was received, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

NEW YORK, June 3d, 1884.

REV. PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, D.D., *Stated Clerk*.

DEAR SIR:—In the Report of the Board of Direction, on the first page, in the third section, occurs the following clause, viz:

“When the Synod shall have formally established the new Professorship, it will be lawful for them to use the income of the bequest, either in whole for a new Professor, or in part for lectures in the Seminary, the surplus being left to accumulate until the principal reaches sixty thousand dollars.”

We think the foregoing should be stricken out, and should not have been in the Report; our attention has been called to it by the counsel of the Board, who by the context seems to have advised it; but he has not advised any distribution of the income or accumulation to any amount, but that the Synod, having accepted the trust, it is their duty to establish the Professorship as soon as it can properly be done, and to use the income of the Fund only with that view.

We have endeavored to get a meeting of the Board, but in consequence of the absence of two of the members we were unable to secure a quorum, therefore, this communication should be regarded as expressing our individual views, confirmed by those of the counsel. Very respectfully,

WILLIAM BOGARDUS,
JOHN VAN NEST.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

General Synod of the Reformed Church in America,

JOHN VAN NEST, Treasurer.

1883.		Cr.	
May	7	By cash paid Expense of Synod's Member to Hope College Council for 1881 and 1883.....	\$40 60
	7	Rev. J. A. De Baun, D.D., expenses as member of Special Committee on Poughkeepsie Memorial.....	10
	7	for printing catalogues for Theological Seminary.....	28 21
	10	amount on loan on Bond and Mortgage.....	16,000
	11	Insurance on Professorial Dwelling.....	17 50
	12	Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc., for purchase of books for Sage Library.....	500
	12	75 per cent. of payments to the Widows' Fund withdrawn.....	30
	19	W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, on account of new Professorial Dwelling.....	2,500
	28	Annuities from the Widows' Fund for 6 months, ending 1st inst.....	1,869 17
		refunding of annual payments to Widows' Fund erroneously made.....	60
		expense of delegate to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, at Philadelphia.....	5 73
	29	Disabled Ministers' Fund Income, appropriations.....	2,535
June	1	the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, one quarter's salary due 1st inst., also additional sum as per resolution of General Synod : Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D..... \$700 Rev. John DeWitt, D.D..... 700 Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D..... 700	2,100
		Rev. Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D., for one quarter's salary due 1st inst.....	706 12
	6	John R. Smith, Treasurer of Domestic Missionary Society interest.....	76 26
		Insurance of Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	200
		C. Doesberg, Treasurer of Hope College, interest.....	808 80
	9	Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., Stated Clerk expenses of Western Delegates, etc.....	500
	11	J. R. Smith, Treasurer Domestic Missionary Society, Legacies of A. Fort and wife.....	2,000
	14	F. J. Hosford, Treasurer Education Board, interest to May 1st.....	3,419 68
	14	F. J. Hosford, Treasurer Parochial School Fund, interest to May 1st.....	234 81
	16	John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer Rutger's College, interest on Col. Henry Rutger's Donation.....	250
	28	on account of loan on Bond and Mortgage.....	2,000
	28	Insurance on Professorial Dwelling at New Brunswick.....	21 40
July	7	on account of loan on Bond and Mortgage.....	10,000
	12	Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, D. D., salary as Stated Clerk and expenses.....	261 59
	12	Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D., salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, and expenses.....	32 20
	17	Dr. J. C. Benham, expenses as Synod's Member of Hope College Council.....	52 15
	7	for printing Report of Committee of the Board of Direction to the General Synod.....	7 75
	23	Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., salary as Permanent Clerk, and expenses.....	108
	24	W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc., for support of Peter Hertzog Hall.....	700
	24	W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc., for completion of Sage Library Building.....	2,500
Amount carried forward.....			\$49,574 97

1883.		Cr.	
		Amount brought forward.....	\$49,574 97
July	24	By Cash paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc., for support of Sage Library.....	600
	24	W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc., for support of J. Suydam Hall.....	300
	24	W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc., for repairs of Peter Hertzog Hall.....	200
	25	Appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	75
	26	paid loan on Bond and Mortgage.....	1,000
	26	W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc., for erection of Professorial Dwelling.....	2,000
	30	paid on account of Bond and Mortgage.....	13,000
Aug.	31	paid insurance on Professorial Dwelling, 3 years.....	20
Sept.	1	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., salary to date.....	600
	1	paid Rev. John DeWitt, D.D., salary to date.....	600
	1	paid Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D., salary to date.....	600
	1	paid W. V. V. Mabon, D.D., salary to date.....	750
	12	paid for repairs of house, 316 West 20th St.....	3 17
Oct.	3	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for erection of Professorial Dwelling.....	5,000
	3	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for improvement, etc., of Seminary Building and grounds.....	500
	3	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance, etc., of G. A. Sage Library.....	300
	3	paid Rev. V. M. Hulbert expenses as delegate to the General Assembly at Saratoga.....	9 62
	6	paid balance of loan on bond and Mortgage.....	5,000
	13	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc., for purchase of books for Sage Library.....	500
	25	paid John R. Smith, Treasurer, for Church Building Fund.....	103 39
Nov.	2	paid six months annuities from the Widows' Fund.....	1,900
	2	paid six months appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	2,610
	2	paid F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, interest on account of Education Fund.....	2,820
	2	paid F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, interest on account of Parochial School Fund.....	280
	2	paid John R. Smith, Treasurer, interest on account of Domestic Missionary Fund.....	50
	2	paid J. Cappon, Treasurer, interest on account of Hope College Endowment Fund.....	800
	14	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for erection of Professorial Dwelling.....	2,400
	14	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for purchase of books for Sage Library.....	300
	14	paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for support of Suydam Hall.....	300
	29	paid insurance on Suydam Hall, 3 years.....	60
	30	"	210
	30	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for erection of Professorial Dwelling.....	2,250
	30	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer for repair of Seminary Buildings and grounds.....	500
Dec.	1	paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., salary to date.....	625
	1	paid Rev. John DeWitt, D.D., salary to date.....	625
	1	paid Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D., salary to date.....	625
	1	paid each of above-named Professors, \$25, balance of salaries due Sept. 1st.....	75
	1	paid Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D., salary to date.....	750
	3	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for repairs of Peter Hertzog Hall.....	300
	20	paid insurance on Hope College Buildings.....	93 75
	29	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for support of Sage Library.....	500
	29	paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for purchase of books for Sage Library.....	121 14
	29	paid Bank of New York amount borrowed, Nov. 30th.....	5,500
	29	paid interest on above loan.....	19 10
1884.			
Jan.	5	paid insurance on Sage Library.....	16 15
	5	paid insurance on Library, Books and Furniture.....	17 53
	9	paid insurance on Furniture in Suydam Hall.....	6 80
	23	paid amount of loan on Bond and Mortgage.....	25,500
Feb.	4	paid insurance on Professorial Dwelling.....	20
Amount carried forward.....			\$130,010 50

1884.		Cr.	
		Amount brought forward.....	\$180,010 62
Feb. 7		By Cash paid Hosford & Sons, printing Treasurer's Reports General Synod.....	9 75
12		paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for erection of Professorial Dwelling.....	460
12		paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for completion of Sage Library Building.....	600
12		paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treas., for support of Sage Library....	350
12		paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for purchase of books for Sage Library.....	300
12		paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for improvement of Seminary grounds, etc.....	500
12		paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for support of J. Suydam Hall.....	250
March 1		paid Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., salary to date....	625
1		paid Rev. John DeWitt, D.D., salary to date.....	625
1		paid Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D., salary to date.....	625
1		paid Rev. W. V. V. Mabou, D.D., salary to date.....	750
20		paid on account of loan on Bonds and Mortgages.....	48,000
21		" "	5,150
April 12		paid balance of loan on Bonds and Mortgages.....	850
14		paid W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, salary of Janitor of P. Hert- zog Hall and Fuel.....	120
14		paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for completion of Sage Library Building.....	50
21		paid insurance on Professorial Building, 3 years.....	99
26		paid J. Terhune for printing catalogues for Theological Seminary.....	28 39
29		paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for improving Seminary grounds, etc.....	200
29		paid Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for support of J. Suydam Hall.....	100
30		paid on account of loan on Bonds and Mortgages.....	30,000
30		paid John Van Nest, one year's salary as Treasurer of General Synod.....\$2,000	
30		paid Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., rent of box... 35	
30		paid stationery, postage stamps, etc..... 39	
			2,074
30		This amount apportioned to the following funds as per resolu- tion of General Synod, viz:	
		Widow's Fund, income account, proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc..... \$250	
		Expense account, proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc.....	438 64
		Education Fund income account, proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc.....	371 75
		Parochial School Fund account, proportion of Treasurers' salary, etc.....	37 16
		Disabled Ministers' Fund income account, proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc. ...	175 08
		J. Suydam Professorial Fund income account proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc.....	197 20
		Hope College Endowment Fund income ac- count, proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc.....	108 30
		Fund for support of Sage Library income account, proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc.....	115 05
		Fund for the purchase of books for Sage Library, income account, proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc.....	65 73
		Fund for P. Hertzog Hall, income account, proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc.....	82 20
		Legacy for erection of Professorial Dwel- ling, income account, proportion of Treas- urer's salary, etc.....	38 34
		G.A.Sage Professorial Legacy, proportion of Treasurer's salary, etc.....	54 78
		J. Suydam's Legacy for maintenance, re- pair and improvement of Seminary Build- ings and grounds at New Brunswick, N. J.	65 73
		Fund for completion of Sage Library, pro- portion of Treasurer's salary, etc.....	8 21
			\$2,074
30		To balance on hand carried to new account.....	10,624 54
			\$232,401 54

1883.		Dr.	
May	1	To balance from last account, brought forward	\$13,863 31
	7	To Proceeds of sale of 2 Bonds, of \$1,000 each, of the town of Thompson	1,400
	7	To cash received from Rev. L. W. Kip, D.D., payment to Widows' Fund	500
	19	received in full payment of Bond and Mortgage	10,000
	21	received from Rev. John T. Demarest, D.D., payment to Widows' Fund	500
June	11	received legacy of Abr. Fort and wife to Domestic Missionary Society	2,000
	14	received payment of Bond and Mortgage in full	4,000
July	2	received in Hope College Endowment per Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.	27 36
	7	received payment of Bond and Mortgage in full	10,000
	12	received dividends on Bergen Turnpike stock	36 40
	19	received payment on account of Bond and Mortgage	1,000
	20	" " " " " " " "	4,000
	26	" " " " " " " "	30,000
Sept.	25	" " " " " " " "	2,500
Oct.	6	received payment of Subscription of C. Duryea to Permanent Seminary Fund	250
	6	payment of Rev. Cornelius H. Polhemus to the Widows' Fund	500
	18	payment proceeds of sale of Hymns of the Church, per Rev. A. G. Vernulye, D.D. for the Church Building Fund	103 39
Nov.	30	amount borrowed from the Bank of New York	5,500
Dec.	20	Legacy of Gardner A. Sage, viz: "I give and bequeath to the said General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the further sum of fifty thousand dollars, as an Endowment Fund, for a new Professorship in its Theological Seminary, situate at New Brunswick, aforesaid, the said sum to be properly invested at interest, and the interest and income arising therefrom, to be applied to the support and maintenance of such professorship," received from Jas. G. DeWitt and Wm. Lambert, Executors.	50,000
1884.			
Jan.	19	payment of Bonds and Mortgages in full	29,000
	29	payment of Bond and Mortgage in full	5,000
Feb.	27	" " on account of Bond and Mortgage	2,000
	28	" " of Bond and Mortgage in full	9,000
	28	" " of Bonds and Mortgages	16,000
Mar.	10	Dividend on Bergen Turnpike stock	5 85
	22	From Amity Reformed Church, Vischer's Ferry, N.Y., for Hope College Endowment	3
	23	for Hope College Endowments, per Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.	7
	30	return of insurance premium on new Professr'l Dwelling, from Hon. Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc.	17 50
April	30	received during the year from the following, being balance of sums pledged on behalf of the Classes, in Synod, June, 1878, for the payment of arrears of salaries of the Theological teachers, at Hope College, Mich., viz: Classis of Grand River, in full for balance.... \$53 North Classis of Long Island in full balance.. 100	153
	30	received from the following Classes, during the year, for contingent expenses of General Synod, viz: Classis of Orange, balance of 1882..... \$11 36 Grand River, " 1883..... 2 19 North Classis of Long Island, 1883..... 76 50 Michigan, 1883..... 14 52 Wisconsin, 1883..... 50 04 Bergen, balance 1883..... 17 13 Hudson, 1883..... 34 04 Schoharie, 1883..... 22 14 New Brunswick, balance 1883... 24 Cayuga, 1883..... 20 28 Kingston, 1883..... 44 23 Ulster, 1883..... 47 81 New York, 1883..... 125 96	
Amount carried forward			\$187,366 81

1884.	Dr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$187,366 81
April 30	To Cash received from Albany, 1883.....	53 15
	Newark, balance, 1883.....	42
	Philadelphia, on account, 1883.....	45 38
	Passaic, 1883.....	40 78
	Poughkeepsie, 1883.....	38 01
	Holland, 1883.....	30 93
	Geneva, 1883.....	34 76
		709 87
April 30	received for the Widows' Fund during the year, viz :	
	Reformed Church, Pottersville, N. J.....	\$ 75
	" " Nassau, N. Y.....	7 70
	Lafayette Reformed Church, Jersey City, N.J.....	5
	Reformed Church, New Paltz, N. Y.....	14 53
	" " Griggstown, N. J.....	3 01
	" " Chatham, N. Y.....	9
	Wm. McElroy First Ref. Ch., Albany, N. Y....	20
	Second Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J....	19 06
	First Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Mich..	8 87
	" " Somerville, N. J.....	6 12
	Second Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	19 36
	Reformed Church, Flatlands, L. I.....	8 77
	" " East Williamson, N. Y.....	7 36
	" " Flatbush, Ulster Co., N. Y.....	1 26
	Madison Avenue Ref'd Church, Albany, N. Y.	43 78
	Reformed Church, Hudson, N. Y.....	17 88
	First Reformed Church, Orange, N. J.....	20 70
	Reformed Church, Gravesend, L. I.....	12
	" " "on Heights," Brooklyn, L.I.	50
	South Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.....	3 31
	Reformed Church, Schodack Landing, N. Y....	2 69
	" " Greenpoint, L. I.....	8 50
	Second Ref'm'd Church, New Brunswick, N.J.	20 97
	First Reformed Church, Catskill, N. Y.....	17
	South " " Brooklyn, L. I.....	2 50
	Reformed Church, Stuyvesant, N. Y.....	5 54
	" " Lisha's Kill, N. Y.....	3
	" " Bronxville, N. Y.....	10 96
	Clinton Ave. Ref'm'd Church, Newark N. J....	14 78
	North Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J.....	6 68
	Broadway Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.	7 05
	First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.....	18 80
	" " Newtown, L. I.....	12
	Reformed Church, Oyster Bay, L. I.....	9 33
	" " Bergen, N. J.....	7 68
	First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.....	26
	Reformed Church, West Farms, N. Y.....	2 32
	Second Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa.....	3 50
	Prospect Hill Reformed Church, New York	
	City.....	9 79
	Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I.....	7 90
	" " Leeds, N. Y.....	3 25
	" " Holland, Nebraska.....	13 34
	South Reformed Church, New York City.....	50
	Reformed Church, Caatsban, N. Y.....	3 75
	" " Nyack, N. Y.....	12 67
	" " Sayville, L. I.....	4 25
	Mrs. D. A. Jones.....	5
	Second German Reformed Church, Flatbush,	
	L. I.....	84
	Reformed Church, Franklin Park, N. J.....	13 05
	Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York	
	City.....	50
	Reformed Church, Niskayuna, N. Y.....	5
	" " Flatbush, L. I.....	2 42
	First Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Mich.	13 78
	" " Chicago, Ill.....	5
	" " New Brunswick, N.J.....	13 55
	Reformed Church, Hopewell, N. Y.....	8
	North Church Chapel, New York City.....	3 96
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York	
	City.....	95 50
	First Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	19 25
	Amount carried forward.....	\$188,076 88

1884.	Dr.	
April 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$188,076 68
	To Cash received from Henry L. Young Reformed Church,	
	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	25
	Reformed Church, Syracuse, N. Y.....	9 02
	" " Belleville, N. J.....	6 84
	" " Griggstown, N. J.....	2 55
	" " Fordham, N. Y.....	5 89
	North Hempstead Reformed Church, Manhas-	
	set, L. I.....	7 14
	Reformed Church, Long Branch, N. J.....	4 78
	" " Jerusalem, N. Y.....	1 16
	" " Mina, N. Y.....	2 50
	Member of First Reformed Church, Astoria, .	2 50
	Norfolk St., German Reformed Church, New	
	York City.....	5
	Reformed Church, Middletown, N. J.....	2 12
	" " Glenham, N. Y.....	1 50
	" " Coxsackie, N. Y.....	2 55
	" " High Bridge, N. Y.....	7 50
	" " Gallupville, N. Y.....	2
	Holland Reformed Church, New York City...	4
	Reformed Church, Pascack, N. J.....	2 92
	St. Remy, Reformed Church.....	1 75
	Reformed Church, Kinderhook, N. Y.....	35 56
	South Bergen Reformed Church, N. J.....	1 06
	North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.....	100
	First Reformed Church, Rotterdam, N. Y.....	6
	" " Raritan, N. J.....	7 33
	Saratoga Ref'med Church, Schuylerville, N. Y.	11 98
	Fifth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa....	5
	Reformed Church, Fulton, Ill.....	14 15
	" " "of the Comforter," Wilt-	
	wyck, N. Y.....	3 21
	Reformed Church, College Point, L. I.....	8 22
	" " Colt's Neck, N. J.....	4 20
	" " Pond's, N. J.....	1
	" " Fallsburgh, N. Y.....	7
	" " Glen, N. Y.....	3
	" " Holmdel, N. J.....	12 95
	" " Kreischerville, S. I.....	1
	Third Dutch Reformed Church, Raritan, N. J.	5
	Reformed Church, Hagaman's Mills, N. Y....	8 72
	" " Lodi, N. J.....	2
	North Reformed Church, West Troy, N. Y....	14 48
	Reformed Church "of Tyre," Malcolm, N. Y..	4 28
	First Reformed Church, Glenville, N. Y.....	10
	" " Totowa, N. J.....	5 35
	Reformed Church, South Bend, Ind.....	2 05
	" " Port Richmond, S. I.....	27 75
	" " Lodi, N. Y.....	4 66
	" " Kiskatom, N. Y.....	5 45
	" " Upper Red Hook, N. Y.....	10
	" " Lisha's Kill, N. Y.....	2 63
	German Evang'l St. Paul's Church, Jamaica,	
	L. I.....	1 50
	German Evang'l St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn,	
	L. I.....	6
	German Evangeli'l Ave. B and 5th Street, New	
	York City.....	4
	Reformed Church, Greenville, N. Y.....	2
	" " Fort Miller, N. Y.....	5
	" " Coeymans, N. Y.....	4 50
	" " Chatham, N. Y.....	10
	German Reformed Church, New Brooklyn, L. I.	3
	Holland " " Wortendyke, N. J.....	3
	"The Glove" Reformed Church, High Falls,	
	N. Y.....	4
	Reformed Church, Port Ewen, N. Y.....	2 77
	" " Herkimer, N. Y.....	2
	" " New Hackensack.....	2 50
	Helping Hand Society of First Ref'md Church,	
	Glenville, N. Y.....	3 15
	Fourth German Reformed Church, N. Y. City	5 50
	Reformed Church, Ellenville, N. Y.....	7 75
	Amount carried forward.....	\$188,076 68

1884.	Dr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$188,076 68
April 30	To Cash received from De Spelder Ref'd Church, Mich	1 82
	Reformed Church, Napanock, N. Y.....	1
	Interest paid on deferred annual payments	
	during the year.....	28 61
		1,316 81
	received during the year from churches where the	
	amount is to apply to the credit of pastors:	
	Knox Memorial Chapel of Collegiate R. D.	
	Church, New York City, Rev. Abrm.	
	Thompson, pastor.....	\$20
	2d Refd. Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Rev.	
	J. Elmendorf, D.D., Pastor.....	20
	Reformed Church, Scraalenburgh, N.J., Rev.	
	G. A. Seibert, Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, East Greenbush, N. Y., Rev.	
	John Steele, D.D., Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, N. & S. Hampton, Pa., Rev.	
	Saml. Streng, Pastor.....	5
	On Heights Refd. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.,	
	Rev. A. J. Hutton, Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Orange City, Iowa, Rev. A.	
	Buursma, Pastor.....	20
	Trinity Refd. Church, Plainfield, N. J., Rev.	
	A. V. V. Raymond, Pastor.....	20
	Second Refd. Church, Freehold, N. J., Rev.	
	I. P. Brokaw, Pastor.....	20
	First Refd. Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev. E.	
	Winter, Pastor.....	20
	First Refd. Church, Ghent, N. Y., Rev. Chr.	
	Van der Veen.....	10
	Refd. Church, Jamaica, L. I., Rev. W. H.	
	De Hart, Pastor.....	20
	North Refd. Church, Passaic, N. J., Rev.	
	Asher Anderson, Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Florida, N. Y., Rev. R. A.	
	Pearse, Pastor.....	10
	Refd. Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Rev. D. Cole,	
	D.D., Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Rev. J. Huys-	
	soon.....	10
	Refd. Church, Readington, N. J., Rev. J. H.	
	Smock, Pastor.....	20
	First Holland Refd. Church, Paterson, N. J.,	
	Rev. J. Huyssoon, Pastor.....	10
	Central Avenue Refd. Church, Jersey City,	
	N. J., Rev. C. S. Wright, Pastor.....	20
	Second Refd. Church, Jersey City, N. J.,	
	Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D., Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Millstone, N. J., Rev. E. T. Cor-	
	win, D.D., Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Nyack, N. Y., Rev. W. H.	
	Clark, Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, New Lots, L. I., Rev. Nich.	
	Pearse, Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Claverack, N. Y., Rev. W. J.	
	Legget, Pastor.....	20
	Berea Refd. Church, Walden, N. Y., Rev. A.	
	Westveer, Pastor.....	10
	Refd. Church, Middlebush, N. J., Rev. J. A.	
	Van Doren.....	20
	Second Refd. Church, Totowa, N. J., Rev. P.	
	H. Milliken, Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, English Neighborhood, N. Y.,	
	Rev. A. B. Taylor, Pastor.....	20
	German Evan. Refd. Church Mission, New	
	York City, Rev. J. W. Geyer, Pastor.....	20
	Trinity Refd. Church, Plainfield, N. J., Rev.	
	A. V. V. Raymond, Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Flatbush, L. I., Rev. C. L.	
	Wells, D.D., Pastor.....	20
	First Refd. Church, Holland, Mich., Rev. N.	
	M. Steffens, Pastor.....	20
	Amount carried forward.....	\$189,393 49

1884.	Dr.	
April 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$189,393 49
	To Cash received from Refd. Church, Fonda, N. Y., Rev. J. A. DeBaum, D.D., Pastor.....	\$20
	De Witt Chapel, Refd. Church Mission, New York City, Rev. J. H. Bertholf, Pastor.....	20
	Union Refd. Church, Paterson, N. J., Rev. H. E. Nies, Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Acquackanonk, N. J., Rev. John Gaston, D.D., Pastor.....	20
	Bloomingdale Refd. Church, New York City, Rev. Carlos Martyn, Pastor.....	20
	South Refd. Church, West Troy, N. Y., Rev. S. W. Strong, Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Northumberland, N. Y., Rev. G. A. Mills, Pastor.....	20
	Park Refd. Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. J. H. Suydam, D.D., Pastor.....	30
	Park Refd. Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. J. H. Suydam, D.D., Pastor.....	20
	Refd. Church, Warwick, N. Y., Rev. V. B. Carroll, Pastor.....	20
	34th Street Reformed Church, New York City, Rev. J. M. Dickson, Pastor.....	20
30	received from the following clergymen during the year their annual payments to the widows' Fund, viz :	
	Rev. Jacob Van der Meulen.....	\$20
	A. H. Bechtold.....	20
	Leonard W. Kip, D.D.....	20
	George A. Mills.....	20
	John Justin.....	20
	Alex. McWilliam.....	20
	James M. Compton.....	20
	Francis V. Van Vranken.....	20
	J. Kremer.....	20
	J. H. Oerter, D.D.....	20
	Robert Doig.....	20
	Herman C. Berg.....	20
	John Van der Meulen.....	20
	Thomas Walker Jones.....	20
	D. D. Demarest, D.D.....	20
	E. Lodewick.....	20
	H. E. Dosker.....	20
	Wm. N. Todd.....	20
	M. F. Liebenau.....	20
	H. Van der Ploeg.....	20
	Wm. D. Perry.....	20
	Samuel T. Searle.....	20
	N. H. Dosker.....	20
	E. Birdsall.....	20
	J. Lansing Pearse.....	20
	J. H. Kershaw.....	20
	H. N. Cobb, D.D.....	20
	F. M. Bogardus.....	20
	P. Lepeltak.....	20
	Chr. Van der Veen.....	10
	John B. Drury, D.D.....	20
	W. E. Bogardus.....	20
	J. Edward Lyall.....	20
	R. A. Pearse.....	10
	L. G. Jongeneel.....	20
	C. Spaulding.....	20
	D. Broek.....	20
	A. Kriekard.....	20
	Samuel Streng.....	15
	A. G. Lansing.....	20
	G. J. Nykerk.....	20
	P. V. Van Buskirk.....	20
	Stephen Searle.....	20
	Elbert N. Sebring.....	20
	A. J. Sebring.....	20
	Wm. G. E. See.....	20
	John Scudder.....	20
	M. V. Schoonmaker, D.D.....	20
	Wm. H. Vroom.....	20
	Amount carried forward	\$190,198 49

1884.	Dr.	
April 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$190,198 49
	To Cash received from Rev. J. A. Lansing, D.D..... \$20 J. Howard Van Doren..... 20 Cornelius E. Crispell, D.D..... 20 A. Westveer..... 10 Andrew Hageman..... 20 Anson DuBois, D.D..... 20 Henry DeVries..... 20 W. P. de Jonge..... 20 J. C. Van Deventer..... 20 Edwin Vedder..... 20 W. T. Griffin..... 20 B. C. Lippincott..... 20 Jacob Van der Meulen..... 20 H. W. F. Jones..... 20 U. D. Gulick..... 20 A. J. Beekman..... 20 T. S. Doolittle, D.D..... 20	1,285
Received from churches, etc., during the year for the		
Disabled Ministers' Fund, viz :		
Interest on balance of legacy of Mrs. Eleanor		
Webb.....	\$7 50	75
Reformed Church, Pottersville, N.J.....		
Lafayette Reformed Church, Jersey City,		
N. J.....	15	
Reformed Church, New Paltz, N. Y.....	15	
" Chatham, N. Y.....	15	
First " "Wm. McElroy," Albany,		
N. Y.....	20	
Second Reformed Church, Somerville, N.J..	19 06	
" Totowa, Paterson,		
N. J.....	13	
First Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J....	6 12	
Second " Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	19 36	
North " Passaic, N. J.....	19 80	
Reformed Church, Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	31 06	
" Port Richmond, S. I.....	27 75	
Park " Jersey City, N. J.....	13 94	
" Nyack, N. Y.....	27 28	
" East Williamson, N. Y.....	7 64	
" East Greenbush, N. Y.....	10	
" N. & S. Hampton, Pa....	2 20	
Madison Ave. Refmd Church, Albany, N. Y..	43 78	
Reformed Church, Greenport Col. Co. N.Y..	2	
Fair St. Reformed Church, Kingston, N. Y..	4 50	
First " Orange, N. J.....	20 73	
Reformed Church, Gravesend, L. I.....	12	
" on Heights, Brooklyn, L. I	143 89	
South " Brooklyn, L. I.....	3 31	
12th St. " ".....	13 57	
" Schodack Landing, N. Y.....	2 69	
" Greenpoint, L. I.....	8 61	
" Belleville, N. J.....	4 51	
Second " New Brunswick, N. J.....	20 97	
Trinity " Plainfield, N. J.....	19 09	
South " Brooklyn, L. I.....	2 50	
" Fallshburgh, N. Y.....	5	
First " Pella, Iowa.....	18 15	
" Ghent, N. Y.....	10	
" Jamaica, L. I.....	8 50	
" Bergen, N. J.....	9 41	
" Bronxville, N. Y.....	10 96	
Clinton Ave. Refmd Church, Newark, N. J..	14 77	
Reformed Church, Upper Red Hook, N. Y..	16 67	
" Greenport, Col. Co., N. Y	3	
Br'dway " Paterson, N. J.....	3 28	
First " Newark, N. J.....	33 07	
" New Prospect, N. Y.....	8 45	
First " Brooklyn, L. I.....	26 35	
" Yonkers, N. Y.....	2 20	
" West Farms, N. Y.....	1	
" Cohoes, N. Y.....	25	
Second " Pella, Iowa.....	3 50	
Amount carried forward.....		\$191,483 49

1884.	Dr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$191,488 49
April 30	To Cash received from Prospect Hill Refd Ch., N. Y. City ..	\$9 79
	Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I.	7 90
	" Flatbush, Ulster Co. N. Y.	2 50
	" Boonton, N. J.	5 50
	" Leeds, N. Y.	3 25
South	" New York City	51 55
Second	" Jersey City, N. J.	5 90
	" Stuyvesant, N. Y.	1 77
	Inte'st on balance of legacy of Mrs. Eleanor Webb.....	7 50
	"A Friend of the Cause,"	5
	Reformed Church, Sprakers, N. Y.	3 25
	" Auriesville, N. Y.	2 58
	" Franklin Park, N. J.	14
	" Sayville, L. I.	3 87
	Mrs. D. A. Jones.....	5
	Reformed Church, Newtown, L. I.	11 21
	" Bloomingburg, N. Y.	7 64
	North Hempstead Reformed Church, Manhasset, L. I.	10 61
	Madison Ave. Reformed Church, N. Y. City ..	50
	"Incognito,"	10
	South Reformed Church, West Troy, N. Y. ..	20 78
	Reformed Church, North Esopus, N. Y.	5
Fair St.	" Kingston, N. Y.	12 19
	" Lodi, N. Y.	12 32
	" Niskayuna, N. Y.	10
	Second German Ref. Church, Flatbush, L. I ..	84
	Rev. Chas. N. Waldron.....	100
	Reformed Church, Warwick, N. Y.	9 17
	" Flatlands, L. I.	13 46
	" Fairview, Ill.	11 10
	Central Avenue Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.	3
	First Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill.	5
	" Schenectady, N. Y. ..	25 71
	" New Brunswick, N. J.	30
	Reformed Church, Caatsban, N. Y.	3 82
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York City.....	286 49
	Reformed Church, Hopewell, N. Y.	6 79
Second	" Grand Rapids, Mich.	20
Berea	" Walden, N. Y.	2
	First Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y ..	19 26
	Henry L. Young, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	25
	Collegiate Reformed Church, New York City additional	10
	Reformed Church, Griggstown, N. J.	3 26
	" Fordam, N. Y.	20
	" Fonda, "	22
	" Long Branch, N. J.	4 78
	" East New York, L. I.	13 65
Fourth	" Grand Rapids, Mich.	5
	" Jerusalem, N. Y.	1 16
	Member of First Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I.	2 50
	Harlem Reformed Church, New York City ..	63 53
	Reformed Church, Melrose, N. Y.	5
	" Hagaman's Mills, N. Y. ..	12 20
	Norfolk St. German Reformed Church, New York City	15
	Reformed Church, Middletown, N. J.	3 12
	" Fulton, Ill.	14 25
	Brighton Heights Reformed Church, Staten Island	29 15
	Reformed Church, Florida, N. Y.	6
	" Glenham, N. Y.	3
First	" Coxsackie, N. Y.	2 55
	" Middlebush, N. J.	4 82
	" Glen, N. Y.	2 50
	" Millbrook, N. Y.	5 14
Second	" Grand Haven, Mich.	10
	" High Bridge, N. Y.	22
	Amount carried forward.....	\$191,483 49

1884.	Dr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$191,483 49
April 30	To Cash received from Reformed Church, Gallupville, N. Y.....	2
	Reformed Church, Greenport, N. Y.....	2 50
	" Pascack, N.J.....	2 92
	St. Remy " English Neighborhood, N.J.....	1 26
	German Evangelical Mission, New York City.....	10
	Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N.J.....	27
	Reformed Church, Kinderhook, N.Y.....	38 04
	" Flatbush, L.I.....	23 43
	" Marbletown, N.Y.....	3
	North " Newark, N.J.....	100
	South Bergen Reformed Church, N.J.....	1 06
	Reformed Church, Aquacknonek, ".....	10
	First " Raritan, ".....	7 33
	Fifth " Philadelphia, Pa.....	5
	Holland " New York City.....	2
	" Syracuse, N.Y.....	9 51
	" College Point, L.I.....	4 01
	" Colt's Neck, N.J.....	4 44
	" Ponds, ".....	2
	Sunday School Fifth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	5
	Reformed Church, Holmdel, N.J.....	12 38
	" Fort Plain, N.Y.....	25
	" Queens, L.I.....	10 38
	" Marbletown, N.Y.....	4 81
	Saratoga " Schuylerville, ".....	8
	First Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, N.J.....	2 51
	Reformed Church, Kreischerville, S.I.....	1
	Third Reformed Dutch Church, Raritan, N.J.....	5
	First Reformed Church, Schenectady, N.Y.....	17 54
	Reformed Church, Lodi, N.J.....	2
	" Fultonville, N.Y.....	12 59
	North " West Troy, ".....	22 81
	" Of Tyre" Reformed Church, Malcom, N.Y.....	4 28
	First Reformed Church, Glenville, N.Y.....	10
	Bedford Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L.I.....	3
	First Reformed Church, Totowa, N.J.....	4
	Reformed Church, South Bend, Ind.....	2
	" Kiskatom, N.Y.....	10
	" Chittenango, N.Y.....	5
	Special appro. Reformed Church, Northumberland, N.Y.....	10
	Reformed Church, Greenville, N.Y.....	2
	" Fort Miller, ".....	5
	First " Lodi, N.J.....	2
	German Evangelical Reformed, St. Paul's Church, Jamaica, L.I.....	1 50
	German Evangelical Reformed, St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, L.I.....	6
	German Evangelical Reformed Church, Ave. B and 5th St., New York City.....	5
	Reformed Church, Coeymans, N.Y.....	4 43
	Middle " Brooklyn, L.I.....	36 87
	Holland " Wortendyke, N.J.....	3
	German " New Brooklyn, L.I.....	3
	" Chatham, N.Y.....	11
	The Clove Reformed Church, High Falls, N.Y.....	4
	Reformed Church, Herkimer, N.Y.....	2
	" New Hackensack, N.Y.....	3 50
	Fourth German Reformed Church, New York City.....	5 50
	Reformed Church, Ellenville, N.Y.....	7 78
	" Napanock, N.Y.....	1
	" Woodstock, N.Y.....	2 40
	34th Street, New York City.....	10
	Amount carried forward.....	2,452 06
		\$193,935 55

1884.	Dr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$193,935 55
April 30	To Cash received for interest on Bonds and Mortgages, Notes, etc., during the year, viz:	
	1883.	
	May.....	\$1,684 67
	June.....	2,335
	July.....	580 81
	August.....	2,505 28
	September.....	1,944 54
	October.....	5,096 29
	November.....	5,734 88
	December.....	1,345
	1884.	
	January.....	1,297 33
	February.....	2,527 01
	March.....	1,453 13
	April.....	11,962 01
		38,465 95
		<u>\$232,401 50</u>
May 1	To balance brought forward.....	10,624 74
	E. & O. E. New York, May 1st, 1884.	

The subscribers a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN VAN NEST, Treasurer, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand, of ten thousand six hundred and twenty-four dollars and seventy-four cents.

JOHN LEFFERTS,
WARREN ACKERMAN, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 22, 1884.

*Dr.**Expense Account of the General Synod*

1883.			
May	7	To Cash paid Synod's member of Hope College Council, 1881 and 1883.....	\$40 60
	7	Expenses of Member of Committee on Poughkeepsie Memorial.....	10
	7	Printing Catalogues for Theological Seminary.....	28 21
	28	Expenses of delegate to Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.....	5 73
June	6	Insurance of Peter Hertzog Hall.....	200
	9	Expenses of Western delegates to General Synod, etc.....	500
	28	Insurance on Professorial Dwellings.....	21 40
July	7	Printing Report of Committee of the Board of Direction.....	7 75
	12	Salary of Stated Clerk of General Synod and expenses.....	261 59
	12	Salary of Stated Clerk of Board of Superintendents and expenses.....	32 20
	17	Expenses of Synod member of Hope College Council.....	52 15
	23	Salary of Permanent Clerk of General Synod and expenses.....	108
	31	Insurance on new Professorial Dwelling, 3 yrs.....	20
Sept.	12	Repairs on house No. 316 West 20th St.....	3 17
Oct.	3	Expenses of delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at Saratoga, N. Y.....	9 62
1884.			
Jan.	5	Insurance on furniture, etc., in Peter Hertzog Hall.....	17 53
Feb.	4	Insurance on Professorial Dwelling, 3 years..	20
	7	Printing Treasurer's Report to last General Synod.....	9 75
	12	Transfers to Hope College Endowment Fund.....	500
April	14	Salary of the Janitor of Peter Hertzog Hall and fuel.....	120
	21	Insurance on Professorial Dwellings, 3 years..	99
	26	Printing 500 Catalogues for the Theological Seminary.....	28 39
	30	Apportionment of the Salary of the Treasurer of General Synod for one year.....	438 64
	30	Salaries of the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., during the year, viz:	
		Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D. D....	2,575
		Rev. John De Witt, D.D.....	2,575
		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	2,575
		To balance on hand carried forward.....	2,800 66

\$13,050 39

of the Reformed Church in America.

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NEW YORK, May 1st, 1884.

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

IN THE

Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., May 1, 1884.

Van Rensselaer.....	\$1,700	
Wm. Patterson Van Rensselaer.....	1,700	
Rutgers.....	1,700	
Heyer.....	1,700	
Cornell.....	2,000	
Wyckoff.....	2,500	
Margaret Burgess.....	1,700	
John Clark.....	3,000	
James Bogart, Jr.....	2,000	
Isaac L. Kip.....	1,700	
Tannake Turk.....	1,700	
Richard Cadmus.....	2,000	
Stryker.....	2,000	
Hornbeck. Two scholarships.....	4,000	
Freeborn.....	2,000	
James Bogart. Second scholarship.....	2,000	
Cuyler.....	2,000	
Margaret Ten Eyck.....	2,000	
Catalina Ten Eyck.....	2,000	
Daniel L. Schanck.....	3,000	
Moses Cowan.....	2,500	
Bequest of Samuel Gates.....	1,745	98
Theodore Frelinghuysen De Witt.....	2,500	
James Suydam. Four scholarships.....	12,000	
Edward Lansing Pruyn.....	2,500	
Maria R. Lefferts.....	8,402	64
Garret Y. Lansing.....	2,500	
Ernest Blois.....	2,500	
Bequest of Joshua Hornbeck.....	2,000	
Bequest of Ann James.....	2,500	
Bequest of James B. Laing.....	7,500	
Louisa Hasbrouck.....	5,000	
Jacob Polhemus.....	2,500	
Abraham Storms.....	2,000	
Gardner A. Sage. Two scholarships.....	5,000	
Bequest of Maria Van Antwerp for James Van Antwerp scholarship.....	2,522	72
Bequest of Jane Brinkerhoff.....	5,000	
		<hr/> \$111,071 34
Bequests, etc., for the education of pious young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N.J.		
Bequest of Nicholas Lansing.....	600	
Bequest of Janet Hinchman.....	470	
Bequest of John Kline.....	500	
Gain on sale of Government Bonds.....	468	54
		<hr/> 2,038 54
		<hr/> \$113,109 88

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1884.

ANNUAL DIGEST.

The Board of Direction submits to General Synod its Annual Digest, as follows, viz:

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1884,	
to.....	\$20,313 57
(Of which \$19,300 is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, \$1,000 is in real estate, and \$13 57 is uninvested.)	
There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund during the year	1,264 74
Balance on hand April 1st, 1884.....	13 57
	<u> </u>

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1884,	
to.....	\$2,000
(Which is invested in bonds secured by mortgages.)	
Balance on hand April 1st, 1884.....	54 52
	<u> </u>

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$113,109 88
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....	3,711 45
	<u> </u>

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$11,307 50
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....	373 22
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PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested for the General Synod, on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$96,632 20
Also subscription paid in.....	250
Also interest from Permanent Contingent Fund.....	12 30
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	\$96,894 50
Fourth Professorial Fund.....	30,597 66
Thomas DeWitt Professorship.....	6,015
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	\$133,507 16
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College.....	
Amount of subscription to the Permanent Fund upon which interest is received.....	\$5,000
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PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$3,708 89
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CENTENNIAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$642 19
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WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$63,520 50
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of the Fund, during the year.....	3,769 17
Amount withdrawn by a subscriber.....	30
Amount refunded for payments erroneously made.....	60
Balance on hand April 30th, 1884.....	5,350 68
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DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$53,267 28
There has been paid out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	5,220
Balance on hand April 30th, 1884.....	4,062 99
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DONATION OF COLONEL HENRY RUTGERS.

Amount of this Fund held in trust for Rutgers College....	\$5,000
Interest received on this Fund, not yet paid over.....	250
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LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This legacy, the interest of which is to be applied to keeping in good order and repair the "Peter Hertzog" Theological Hall, is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....		\$10,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....		208 91

VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

This Fund is composed of 10 bonds of \$1,000 each of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company, upon which no interest is received.....		\$10,000
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THE "JAMES SUYDAM" PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY SITUATE AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....		\$60,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....		1,217 24

THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LEGACY FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A NEW PROFESSORSHIP IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY SITUATE AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this legacy invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....		\$50 000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....		445 22

ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....		\$35,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....		3,966 94

ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....		\$20,000
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SPECIAL FUND FOR FULLY COMPLETING THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY BUILDING.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....		\$2,609 47
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THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE MAINTENANCE
AND SUPPORT OF THE JAMES SUYDAM HALL.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....	961 20
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THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE REPAIR AND
IMPROVEMENT OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK,
N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....	221 60
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ACCRUED INCOME UPON THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY
FOR THE ERECTION OF A PROFESSORIAL DWELLING
AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of above, April 30th, 1884.....	\$11,243 25
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THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" ENDOWMENT FOR THE MAIN-
TENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE "PETER HERTZOG"
THEOLOGICAL HALL.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$25,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....	1,479 58
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THE THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY FUND AT NEW
BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$974 80
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....	69 13
There has been paid to the Hon. Wm. H. Kirk, Treasurer, etc., for the purchase of books.....	300
There has been transferred to income account of Endowment Fund for the purchase of books for the G. A. Sage Library.....	125 20
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HOPE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$32,983 91
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....	1,130 68
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PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY
AT HOPE COLLEGE, MICH.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1884.....	\$6,563 09
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....	400 72
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	\$6,963 81
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DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Legacy of Mrs. Rachel Ann Ryerson.....	\$2,000
Amount of legacy invested on bond secured by mortgage April 30th, 1884.....	
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1884.....	72 12
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ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages and bonds and notes amounting to...	\$694,535 54
Railroad Bonds.....	12,000
Cash in bank.....	10,624 74
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	\$717,160 28
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MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD,

As reported by the Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, Stated Clerk.

Dr.

Balance on hand, as per last report.....	\$10 18
Received for Minutes through Classes.....	586 11
Received for Minutes sold at Synod's rooms.....	44 20
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	\$640 49

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Paid for printing and distributing Minutes.....	\$648 86
Balance due Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., Stated Clerk....	8 37
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Due from four Classes for Minutes.....	\$41 60

WILLIAM BOGARDUS, *President.*

T. W. CHAMBERS,
JOHN LEFFERTS,
WARREN ACKERMAN, } *Directors.*

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1884.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

May 1st, 1884.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

In accordance with the resolution of General Synod, I hereby forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1884.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Salaries of three Professors.....	\$7,500	
Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents and expenses.....	35	
Salary of the Janitor of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall and expenses.....	120	
Salary of the Treasurer of General Synod apportionment.....	450	
Insurance on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	225	
Insurance on Professorial Dwellings.....	50	
Sundries.....	200	
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		\$8,580
Estimated income for the year.....	\$7,500	
Balance on hand May 1st, 1884.....	2,800 66	
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		10,300 66
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Estimated surplus.....	\$1,720 66	

OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies....	\$250	
Salary of Stated Clerk and expenses.....	300	
Salary of Permanent Clerk and expenses.....	135	
Expenses of Meeting of General Synod.....	100	
Sundries.....	150	
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Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes.....	\$935	

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

Dr. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30TH, 1884.

To bonds and mortgages and bonds and notes . . .	\$676,535 54
To receipt on account of loan on bond and mortgage, not yet consummated	30,000 00
	—————\$706,535 54
To cash	10,624 74

\$717,160 28

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. Cr.

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30TH, 1884.

By Education Fund.....	\$113,109 88
Education Fund income.....	3,711 45
Parochial School Fund.....	11,307 50
Parochial School Fund income.....	373 22
Permanent Seminary Fund.....	133,507 16
Permanent Contingent Fund.....	3,708 89
Centennial Seminary Fund.....	642 19
Domestic Missions Legacy.....	2,000
Domestic Missions Legacy income.....	72 12
Widows' Fund.....	63,520 50
Widows' Fund income.....	5,350 68
Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	53,267 28
Disabled Ministers' Fund income.....	4,062 99
Donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers.....	5,250
Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog.....	10,208 91
Vedder Lecture Fund.....	10,000
James Suydam Professorial Fund.....	61,217 24
Gardner A. Sage Professorial Fund.....	50,445 22
Endowment Fund for the support and maintenance of the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	35,000
Income of the above named Fund.....	3,966 94
Endowment Fund for the purchase of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	20,000
Special Fund for fully completing the Gardner A. Sage Library Building.....	2,609 49
The James Suydam Legacy for the support and main- tenance of the "James Suydam Hall".....	20,000
Income of the above named Legacy.....	961 20
The James Suydam Legacy for the repair and improve- ment of buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	20,000
Income of the above named Legacy.....	221 60
Accrued income on the James Suydam Legacy for the erection of Professorial Dwelling at New Brunswick, N. J.....	11,243 25
The Gardner A Sage Endowment for the support and maintenance of the P. Hertzog Theological Hall.....	25,000
Income of the above named Fund.....	1,479 58
The Theological Library Fund at New Brunswick, N.J.....	974 80
Income of the above named Fund.....	69 13
Hope College Endowment Fund.....	32,983 91
Income of the above named Fund.....	1,130 68
Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, at Hope College, Mich.....	6,963 81
Expense account.....	2,800 66
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	\$717,160 28

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report that the following papers have been referred to them.

Annual Report of the Board of Direction.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

List of Securities belonging to General Synod.

Balance Sheet, also Annual Digest.

List of Endowed Scholarships in the Theological Seminary.

Education Fund Account.

Education Fund Income Account.

Parochial School Fund Account.

Widows' Fund Account.

Disabled Ministers' Fund Account.

Hope College Endowment Fund Account.

Hope College Income Account.

Estimate of expenses for the current year.

Expense Account.

Van Benschoten Fund Account.

Knox Fund Account.

All of the above documents were presented to General Synod by the Board of Direction.

There has also been referred to us by your Reverend Body, a Preamble and Resolution in the following words and figures :

Whereas, the salaries of Professors Woodbridge, DeWitt and Demarest were, in 1879, reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500, on the ground of supposed want of funds sufficient and available for the payment of the full sum of \$3,000,

And *Whereas*, the said Professors presented to the General Synod of 1882, a memorial in which they prayed for relief on the ground that the said supposition was erroneous;

And *Whereas*, no full consideration has been given to the said memorial, and no final action has been taken upon it, therefore,

Resolved, that the whole matter of the salaries of the said Professors, and of their memorial touching said salaries, be re-

ferred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, with instructions to consider the same and report to this Synod such action as may by them be deemed just and proper.

Your Committee in presenting their views in respect to the the subject matter of the above preamble and resolution, beg leave to recite briefly, the prominent facts, as we understand them, pertaining thereto, as follows :

By action of the Synod of 1869, the salaries of the said Professors Woodbridge, DeWitt and Demarest, were increased to \$3,000 for the then current year. (See Minutes of General Synod. page 580.) Similar action was taken by the Synod of 1870. (See Minutes, p. 48.) By the Synod of 1871, it was resolved that the salaries be \$3,000 until otherwise ordered by General Synod. (See Minutes, p. 219.) And by repeated deliverances, the Synod has expressed its conviction that the salaries of these Professors, as thus increased, were no more than a just and reasonable compensation for the services rendered.

In accordance with this action the said salary of \$3,000 was paid yearly to each of the said Professors, until the year 1879. At the meeting of Synod held in that year, a communication was received from the Professors, in which they informed the Synod that they were aware that the income of the Synod was insufficient for the payment of the salaries and other necessary expenses, and in order to relieve General Synod from an embarrassing debt, they consequently relinquished for the current year, \$500 each from the \$3,000 they should receive under the then standing order, unless special payments should render such relinquishment wholly or in part unnecessary. (See Minutes, p. 267.)

The offer thus generously made was accepted. The salaries for the then current year were made \$2,500, and at the same time the hope was expressed that the reduction might be only temporary. (See Minutes, p. 274.)

In the following year, 1880, the Professors again, and on the same ground of supposed necessity, offered to relinquish the same amount, (\$500), from their respective salaries, and the Synod again accepted the offer; and at the same time expressed its regret for the necessity which constrained such acceptance; its sympathy with the Professors in the sacrifice it involved, and its desire that the unpleasant emergency might be of but brief continuance. (Minutes, pp. 461, 488, 566.)

In the year 1881, the Professors sent to the General Synod a communication, stating that the reduced salaries had been so far below the necessary rates of living that they were constrained to ask the Synod for relief.

The Synod declared its conviction that the salaries should be increased again to \$3,000 at the earliest day practicable, but ordered a continuance of the reduction, for the reason that the income of the Synod was insufficient to provide for the increase. (See Minutes, pp. 751, 752.)

In 1882, the Professors sent to the Synod a memorial in which they called the attention of the Synod to facts and circumstances connected with the legacy of \$20,000 under the will of the late Mr. James Suydam, and informed the Synod that they were advised and believed that the accumulated interest on the said legacy, then in the hands of the General Synod, and amounting to \$13,106.37, should be regarded as unappropriated income, and from the first ought to have been used as needed in expenditures for the Theological Seminary.

They further, did respectfully represent that the General Synod and the Professors were alike mistaken in the impression upon which they had acted in the years 1879, 1880 and 1881, that an embarrassing deficiency must occur unless the salaries were reduced; and the memorialists did therefore, submit that in view of the facts, and of the common principle in equity, that mutual mistakes, when discovered, should be corrected, they ought not to be held to their consent to the reduction made from their salaries; but that the amounts thereof should be paid to them out of the erroneously accumulated interest moneys then in the hands of the General Synod.

The action of the Synod, after the hearing of this memorial was as follows:

“*Resolved*, that the request of the Professors, Drs. Woodbridge, DeWitt and Demarest, for payment of back deficiencies in salary, be submitted to the Board of Direction, with authority and direction to pay the same, *providing*, after consulting counsel they find it can be legally and consistently done from funds not otherwise appropriated.” (Minutes, pp. 59, 61, 62.)

In a paper accompanying their report to the Synod of 1883, the Board of Direction informed the Synod that they had resolved that no portion of the fund representing the bequest of

James Suydam for the purpose of erecting a dwelling house for the James Suydam Professorship, can be legally and consistently used as funds not otherwise appropriated. Among the reasons stated for the adoption of such resolution were the following, viz:

“The building has not yet been erected.

“There can be no surplus fund until after the building is complete, and no money can consistently be appropriated for any other purpose.

“The Synod has accepted a trust to erect for the Seminary a good and suitable building, and is not at liberty so to use the Fund as to make money for any other purpose.”

To the above concise statement of all essential facts touching the salaries of the Professors, their memorial and the action of General Synod thereon, should be added a statement of the facts concerning the bequest of the late James Suydam referred to in the memorial.

Mr. Suydam died in January, 1873, leaving by his will \$20,000 for the erection of a dwelling house for the use of the James Suydam Professorship. The legacy was therefore payable in 1874.

Mr. Suydam also provided in his will for the sale of his real estate by his executors to pay the legacy. The executors were not able, without great sacrifice, to sell, until 1881, and in that year they paid the \$20,000.

Meanwhile, from 1874 to 1881, the executors paid interest upon said legacy, which interest accumulated to over \$13,000. The General Synod on being informed of the payment of the legacy of \$20,000, ordered the erection of the Professorial dwelling house.

By the Report of the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, this Synod has been informed that the building is now complete, having been erected at the expense of \$22,899.87, and has been occupied for several months by the James Suydam Professor.

By the Report of the Board of Direction this Synod has been informed that of the interest which accrued on the legacy, there remains, in the hands of the Synod, the sum of \$11,243.25.

This interest accumulated between the time the legacy became payable and the erection of the Professorial dwelling for

which the legacy was given; and during all that time the General Synod allowed the James Suydam Professor the use of a residence, the cost of which was nearly equal to the legacy.

The question then arises, what is the legal and equitable disposition of the above balance of those interest moneys?

There is nothing in the will to show, or from which it can even be inferred, that the testator intended that his legacy of \$20,000 for a dwelling for his Professor should ever be increased *in any way*.

Under what authority, or upon what principle can it be claimed then, to be the duty of General Synod to increase that legacy by hoarding the interest it received, while, at the same time, supplying the James Suydam Professor with one of Synod's own houses, in lieu of the one which that legacy was to build?

There can be no question whatever that if the Synod had rented out that house which it owned, the rents received would have been *simply income*, and applicable to the payment of the expenses of the Theological Seminary, including the Professors' salaries.

Why should not the interest that Synod received, instead of those rents, therefore, have the same character of *simply income* and be applicable to the same disposition?

In the opinion of the Committee, the balance of said interest moneys now in the hands of the Synod is of the same character in law and equity as said rents would be, if they had been received and allowed to accumulate, and were now in the hands of General Synod.

It is also the opinion of your Committee, that inasmuch as the salary of \$3,000 is, and by the Synod itself has been declared to be no more than a just and reasonable compensation to these Professors for their services rendered, therefore, the said interest moneys should be applied, so far as is necessary, to the payment of the deficiencies of their salaries, so as to make the same equal to \$3,000 per year to each of said Professors, from the time they were reduced in 1879, as aforesaid, until the present time.

But while the Committee are firm in their own convictions as thus expressed, they are aware that some others whom they very highly esteem, may as firmly entertain adverse views on the subject.

Your Committee also deem it prudent that in the matter under consideration, the Synod will do well to take such action as will be the least open to question and criticism, and inasmuch as the right of General Synod to hold said balance of interest, now amounting to \$11,243.25, as unappropriated income, and to be used and applied as such, involve questions of law and equity;

Therefore, in order that the question at issue in respect thereto, may be determined in a friendly way, by competent judicial authority, and that justice may be secured to said parties concerned, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following, viz :

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And the Committee do further report :

The Board of Direction report the receipt from the executor of the Estate of Gardner A. Sage a bequest of \$50,000 for a new professorship in the Theological Seminary, situate at New Brunswick.

As the consideration of this bequest, and of the action to be taken by Synod thereon, has been referred to the Committee on the Professorate, this Committee consider themselves discharged from any consideration of this part of the Report of the Board of Direction.

The Board also report that in regard to the employment of an agent to present the claims of the Seminary in the exercise of the discretion allowed them, they deemed it unwise to take action, and recommend that the matter be referred to the Synod's Committee on Endowments.

In the judgment of this Committee the Synod cannot do more wisely than to leave the matter still at the discretion of the Board of Direction, of the soundness of whose judgment the Synod has had ample proof.

We therefore recommend that the action of the last Synod on this matter, recorded on page 329 of the printed Minutes, be re-affirmed.

The Board of Direction call the attention of Synod to the confusion in the minds of many, both ministers and laymen, in regard to the Widows' Fund, and the Disabled Ministers'

NOTE.—Resolutions of the Committee recommending a friendly suit were stricken out by order of Synod, and part of the Report of the Committee on the Professorate was substituted. (See Professorate.)

Fund, and suggest that it would help to remove this confusion, if the Synod would insert the word "Assurance" in the title of the former, so that it would read the Widows' Assurance Fund, thus suggesting that its benefits are confined to subscribers, while the other is purely benevolent.

The Committee consider this a wise suggestion and recommend the adoption of the following :

**Resolved*, that the title of the "Widows' Fund" be amended by the insertion of the word Assurance, so that the title shall read, "Widows' Assurance Fund."

The Board of Direction also call the attention of Synod to the fact that the Disabled Ministers' Fund is sadly inadequate to the claims made upon it.

The Committee recommend that the attention of the several Classes be called to this fact, and that Synod re-affirm the action taken on this matter by the last Synod, which is found recorded on page 247 of the printed Minutes, and is as follows :

"*Resolved*, that the several Classes be requested at the earliest practicable time, to take action upon the subject, and to urge the Churches within their bounds, to make collections to increase the funds of the Disabled Ministers' Fund, so that the same will produce an income to meet the necessary demands upon it."

The Board of Direction informs Synod that there are in the hands of the Treasurer certain notes and other evidences of indebtedness which have long been outlawed and are deemed of no value whatever, and suggest that they be authorized and directed to lay aside these papers, and no longer include them in their reports.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following, viz :

Resolved, that the Board of Direction be authorized to lay aside and no longer include in their report, all such papers as are outlawed and are of no value.

The Board of Direction call attention to the rule of the Widows' Fund, that "annual payments cannot be anticipated," and inform the Synod that this is very important, until five annual payments have been made; but after that it has no influence, and advise that in such cases, the Treasurer be authorized to receive and credit any advance payments.

*Not adopted.

The Committee recommend the following. (Resolution stricken out by vote of Synod.)

The Board of Direction further suggest the propriety of simplifying the account of the Treasurer by merging the moneys entitled, "Permanent Contingent Fund," and the "Centennial Seminary Fund," into the "Permanent Seminary Fund."

The Committee approve the suggestion, but recommend that action be postponed until the next meeting of Synod, when it is hoped the Centennial Seminary Fund shall have assumed larger proportions, and taken more definite shape.

The Board of Direction ask permission to transfer to Rutgers College ten shares of Bergen County Turnpike Stock, now held by the Board of Direction, but belonging to the College. The Committee recommend the following :

Resolved, that the Board of Direction be authorized and directed to transfer to the Trustees of Rutgers College ten shares of Bergen County Turnpike Stock, now held by the Board of Direction, and belonging to said College.

The Board of Direction informs the Synod that a bequest of \$500, for educational purposes was made by Mr. Mould, the payment of which would greatly embarrass his widow and children, and recommend that the bequest be relinquished.

The Committee recommend the following :

Resolved, that the bequest of \$500 made by Mr. Mould for educational purposes be, and is hereby relinquished.

The estimate of the Board for contingent expenses of Synod for the present year is \$950.

The Committee recommend the following :

Resolved, That the sum of \$950 be apportioned among the several Classes and be collected from them.

Concerning the salaries of Professors Woodbridge, DeWitt and Demarest, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following, viz :

Resolved, That the salaries of Professors Woodbridge, DeWitt, and Demarest for the present year be \$2,500 each, payable quarterly, with a residence, and that the Board of Direction be authorized and directed to pay each of said Professors the sum of \$500 additional, or so much thereof as can be legally and consistently done from funds in their hands not otherwise appropriated.

There has also been referred to this Committee the 15th Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property.

We find nothing in this Report requiring the action of Synod.

The Report will be printed in full in connection with the Minutes of Synod, and furnishes ample evidence that the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property have performed the important duties assigned to them, with a zeal and a painstaking diligence and an efficiency, which entitle them to the hearty thanks of the Synod and of the Church.

There has also been referred to the Committee a communication to the Synod, from a Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, containing a request from the said Board of Trustees that the General Synod do alter the condition in its deed, whereby the College property was conveyed to the Board of Trustees, by substituting the words "two-thirds" for "three-fourths," where it is required that three-fourths of the members of the Board of Trustees shall be members in full communion of the Reformed Church.

Your Committee are well satisfied that no danger to the interests of the College can arise from such change, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following. (Resolutions stricken out by vote of Synod.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. P. ALLEN, <i>Chairman</i> .	} <i>Committee.</i>
R. N. PERLEE,	
THEODOTUS BURWELL,	
DANIEL V. WEEKS,	
LAWRENCE VAN DER VEER.	

John Van Nest was re-elected a member of the Board for the full term of five years.

William H. Kirk was elected to fill the unexpired term of Warren Ackerman, resigned.

William Bogardus was elected President.

John Van Nest was elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received from the following Corresponding Delegates, viz: Rev. William Smith to the Presbyterian

Church of Canada; Rev. C. E. Crispell to the United Presbyterian Church; Rev. Charles S. Hageman to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Rev. C. Van Santvoord to the Presbyterian Church in the United States; Rev. J. M. Wagner to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; and from Rev. Cornelius Brett to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. These were all referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A letter conveying the salutations of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada was received, and read before the Synod in connection with the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

The credentials of Rev. P. Felts, D.D., primarius, and Rev. J. B. Remiensnyder, D.D., alternate, delegates from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D.D., primarius, and Rev. H. W. Hibshman, secundus, delegates from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and of Rev. Jas. A. Latané, D.D., Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church. These were all referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D.D., being present was introduced and addressed the Synod, the President responding.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence would respectfully report:

That during the past year most kindly greetings have been exchanged, either by person or by letter, with all the denominations with whom we have been accustomed to correspond.

Your delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, reports that he presented the fraternal salutations of this body to this honored Church, that he was most kindly received, and that the Moderator in reply gave him assurance of the high regard in which our own Church is held throughout their entire denomination.

Our Christian greetings were conveyed by letter to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in which your delegate expressed the desire that this neighboring Church send a Corresponding Delegate, letter, or telegram to this present Synod. Up to this hour no letter nor telegram has been received ; nor have the credentials of any delegate been put into the hands of your Committee.

As the letter addressed to our last Synod by this branch of the Presbyterian Church was not received in time to be read to that Synod, and as it possesses much interest, your Committee would herewith present it in detail, and read it now.

Your delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church reports that he forwarded, by letter, the salutations of our Church to this respected body, but as yet no return to the same has been received.

A communication has been placed in the hands of your Committee from your delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

After receiving the greeting of our Church, the Moderator of this twin sister of the Reformed Church charged him to acquaint our reverend Synod with the pleasure they have derived in seeing your delegate personally on the floor of their Synod, and that they remembered with great gratitude, the early kind and fostering care received from our Church, and the many lessons which we had taught them they were endeavoring daily to turn to the most profitable account.

A friendly communication has also been received from the Rev. P. Felts, D.D., delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Your commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South), reports that he performed the service assigned to him. The Assembly most cordially received him that he addressed this large body of the Christian Church, and that in reply the Moderator heartily reciprocated the wishes expressed, and that he hoped the Church so closely allied to its own in doctrine, government and forms of worship, and whose devotion during the past to "the faith once delivered to the saints," might receive such a blessing from above, as its long and honored record so justly entitled it. Your delegate adds that "the Assembly voted to carry on their correspondence henceforth by letter, instead of

personal representation," an action taken more especially with reference to the Northern Presbyterian Church, but including other bodies.

A telegram has been put into the hands of your Committee from Rev. James A. Latané, D.D., Bishop of the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, announcing his appointment as delegate to this Synod. His credentials have since been received.

The credentials of the Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D.D., from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its late triennial meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, May, 1884, have been received, and the Rev. Dr. Kefauver has addressed the Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC S. HARTLEY, *Chairman*.
HENRY VEHSLAGE,
M. V. SCHOOONMAKER,
JOHN DE MOTT.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America: Rev. E. P. Livingston, D.D., *Primarius*; Rev. N. D. Williamson, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States: Rev. John A. Todd, D.D., *Primarius*; Rev. Denis Wortman, D.D., *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church: Rev. Selah W. Strong, *Primarius*; Rev. Allan D. Campbell, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: Rev. James LeFevre, *Primarius*; Rev. W. H. Clark, D.D., *Secundus*.

To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church: Rev. B. C. Lippincott, *Primarius*; Rev. E. C. Lawrence, *Secundus*.

To the Reformed Church in the United States: Rev. Leopold Mohn, D.D., *Primarius*; Rev. Jacob Weber, *Secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church: Rev. John M. Reiner, *Primarius*; Rev. W. H. Scudder, *Secundus*.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH.

On motion the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, There is at present convened in this city, a Synod of the Christian Reformed Church,

Resolved, That this General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, appoint a delegation of three ministers and two elders to express our kind and fraternal feeling toward them, and the hope that the Divine Spirit may bring all those into union, who hold the common faith and principles of the Reformed Church.

Resolved, That this Committee consist of Revs. I. S. Hartley, George S. Bishop, H. E. Dosker, and Elders W. H. Crosby and A. Pyl.

The Committee visited the Synod and returned with the following report which was read and accepted:

Your Committee appointed to bear the fraternal salutations of this Synod to the Christian Brotherhood of the Reformed Church, now in session in this city, would respectfully report: That they visited the above Christian Brotherhood, and in obedience to your wishes left with them your greetings. Your Committee were most kindly received, and in response to their remarks, the Rev. Prof. Boer desired them to convey to your reverend body the assurance that they hoped they were alive to the solemn truths so dear to the Reformed Church, and in the name of their Synod added that he prayed as the years advanced, as members of a common faith, they might come closer and still closer together. The President, the Rev. L. J. Hulst, concluded the interview by re-iterating the sentiments already expressed by Rev. Prof. Boer. The conference closed by the entire Synod, at the request of the Presi-

dent, singing in Dutch, the familiar doxology, "Praise God, etc."

ISAAC S. HARTLEY, *Chairman*.

On the following day a delegation consisting of the President of the Christian Reformed Synod, Rev. L. J. Hulst, the Secretary, Rev. G. Hemkes, the Clerk, *pro tem*, Rev. J. Noordewien, the Professor in the Theological Seminary, Rev. G. E. Boer, and the Rev. L. Rietdyk appeared in the Synod and presented, through the Secretary, the following communication which was read :

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., June 11, 1884.

EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE SYNOD.

Whereas, The Synod of the Reformed Church kindly has sent a delegation to our Synodical meeting, held on June 11, 1884, to bear us their brotherly greeting.

Resolved, That the Synod of the Holland Christian Reformed Church in America, appoint a delegation to express their wishes, that the Almighty God for Christ's sake grant you blessing upon your assembly, and with the prayer to Him above that all having the same faith, and based upon the same fundamental principles become one.

Resolved, That this Committee consist of the Brethren Revs. L. J. Hulst of Grand Rapids, L. Rietdyk of Zeeland, J. Noordewien of Kalamazoo, Professor Boer of Grand Rapids, and G. Hemkes of Vriesland,

Signed, G. HEMKES, *Secretary of Synod*.

Brief addresses were then made by Prof. Boer and by the Secretary and the President, the latter being in the Dutch language and translated by one of the delegates. After a cordial response by the President of the General Synod, the visiting brethren, by invitation, sat awhile and then took their leave, the Synod rising.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report that they have compared the statistical records of the present year and the last year ; they have also examined the Minutes of the several Particular Synods. From these sources they are enabled to lay before you a general view of the religious condition of the Church.

I. STATISTICS.

Number of Churches, 1883, 516; 1884, 520; a gain of 4.

Number of Ministers, 1883, 569; 1884, 549; a decrease of 20.

Number of Families, 1883, 44,506; 1884, 45,398; a gain of 892.

Number of Members received on Confession, 1883, 3,868; 1884, 4,388; a gain of 520.

Number of Members received on Certificate, 1883, 2,307; 1884, 2,415; a gain of 108.

Total in Communion, 1883, 80,156; 1884, 81,800; a gain of 1,644.

Contributions to Benevolent Objects, 1883, \$224,144.78; 1884, \$220,383.05; a decrease of \$3,761.73.

Contributions to Congregational Purposes, 1883, \$873,820.47; 1884, \$936,390.23; a gain of \$62,569.76.

These figures tell us that the Church has experienced this last year a healthy progress in numbers, with the exception of the number of ministers and the amount of contributions to Benevolent Objects. Whilst we rejoice in the tokens of God's favor, we are urged on to pray to the Lord to send laborers into the vineyard, and to exert ourselves to come up to the work also in our gifts to the Master's cause.

Sabbath Schools have increased, and also the number of Sabbath School Scholars and Catechumens.

Number of Sabbath Schools, 1883, 697; 1884, 716; a gain of 19.

Number of Sabbath School Scholars, 1883, 84,595; 1884, 89,911; a gain of 5,316.

Number of Catechumens, 1883, 28,595; 1884, 30,693; a gain of 2,098.

This last item especially is very gratifying indeed, showing that catechetical instruction is gaining ground in the estimation of our churches.

During the year, 4,397 infants have received the seal of the Covenant. We rejoice that the number of the lambs of the fold has increased so much. But it appears to your Committee that the number ought to be larger, considering the fact that more than 45,000 families are connected with our Church. The proportion of 1,084 adult baptisms to the number of infant baptisms recorded, does not seem to be a normal one.

Your Committee would invite the attention of pastors and parents to this state of things, and urge them to consider the obligation of bringing all the children in their earliest days to the Lord and His Church in Holy Baptism.

II. STATE OF RELIGION.

Looking over the reports of the Synodical Committee on the State of Religion presented to the Particular Synods, we find that we have reason to praise the Lord for His mercy in the conversion of sinners and the upbuilding of his people. In all the sections of our Church there is gratitude and courage. Many accessions, revivals of religion here and there, and healthy progress in the work of the churches, with rare exceptions, gladden the hearts of God's people. Some churches have been abundantly blessed, reporting many conversions; whilst in the most of them the prayer-meetings have been well sustained.

Some extracts from the Reports on the State of Religion, as presented to the Particular Synods, may prove the truth of the general statement made by your Committee.

The Committee of the Particular Synod of New York report as follows :

“ Having examined the reports which have been placed in their hands by the Classes forming this Synod, they find that many of the churches have been blessed with an outpouring of the Divine Spirit in a marked degree, while in all peace and harmony prevail. We find that while some fail to report any unusual accessions to their membership on confession, still in these churches the services of the Sanctuary are well attended, and the meetings for prayer show a growing interest in the cause of the Master's Kingdom.”

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany we find the following :

“The Committee on the State of Religion have examined the reports of all the Classes within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany and find abundant reason to thank God and to take courage.”

The Committee of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick report as follows :

“The reports of the nine Classes of this Synod are unusually full and gratifying. The suggestion of last year’s Committee has evidently been heeded, and but few churches have been satisfied to report simply the statistical table. As a result we have before us definite statements, from all but 17 of the 130 churches of the Synod. These statements are for the most part encouraging, and will be given in full as an appendix to this report.”

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago the following is said about this matter :

“Your Committee on Classical Reports have received the reports from the five Classes of Synod. The figures are all hallelujah notes of praise to the God of blessing. His goodness stands confessed all along the lines of these figures ; all the reports of Classes showing gains in all the columns, except in the list of communicants of one Classis, where, although a revision makes a decrease in members, there was an actual gain of members received on confession and certificate of 94 over the losses by dismissions, suspensions and deaths.

The blessings of the Lord fill our hearts with deeply felt gratitude. The fullness of Christ is ours, let us go on and take out of this fullness grace for grace, in order to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and to accomplish more than ever before.

III. NECROLOGY.

Your Committee are obliged to bring to your notice the death of several ministers of the Gospel. Acknowledging the wisdom of God in His ways, we still feel with sadness the loss of those who have labored so faithfully, and had such a place in the affection of their people.

The list is as follows :

In the Particular Synod of Albany:

Rev. Jacob S. Wyckhoff, died at Woodhaven, L. I., on the 30th of July, 1883.

In the Particular Synod of New York :

Rev. Wm. Ferris, died July 18th, 1883.

Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., died June 26th, 1883.

Rev. John S. Himrod, died Dec., 1883.

Rev. John Dubois, died April 7th, 1884.

Rev. John H. Sinclair, died December, 1883.

In the Particular Synod of New Brunswick :

Rev. James Kemlo, died September 18th, 1883.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, we find the following without date of death :

Rev. William B. Gilmore, died May, 1884.

Rev. H. G. Klyn, died December, 1883.

This list reminds us that our time is short but precious. Let us improve every moment, knowing that the longest life is short enough for our task, but at the same time encouraging ourselves with the thought, that the shortest life is long enough if spent in the Master's service.

Your Committee recommend the following :

1. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge our thankfulness to God for the great measure of His grace bestowed on our Church in the past year.

2. *Resolved*, That we feel it our duty to consecrate ourselves entirely to His service, and to look upon every hardship and trial we have to bear in following Christ, as an honor bestowed upon us.

3. *Resolved*, That the two resolutions of last year, laid over to this General Synod, be and are hereby approved, viz :

“ 1. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of Religion be a permanent Committee of this Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That hereafter the President of each General Synod shall be, *ex-officio*, the Chairman of the Permanent Committee on the State of Religion; and that the Stated Clerks of the Particular Synods are hereby instructed to send the printed Minutes of the Synods to him, at the earliest practicable moment, that he may prepare a digest of the same.”

Respectfully submitted.

NICHOLAS M. STEFFENS, *Chairman*.

T. ROMEYN BECK,

J. PASCHAL STRONG,

C. DOESBERG,

ISAAC C. HARING.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Cemeterial Purposes.		
			Rec'd.	On Confession													
First, Albany.....	Vacant.....	234	1	1	17	...	...	469	2	5	...	...	1	435	\$1,248 95	\$5,766 23	Albany, N. Y.
Madison Avenue.....	W. R. Davis.....	236	15	32	10	...	...	337	2	5	...	...	1	461	7,716 41	13,912 76	Albany, "
Third, Albany.....	Edwin F. See.....	150	19	6	5	...	...	8211	13	6	...	...	1	317	265	2,059 05	Albany, "
Fourth, Albany.....	J. F. Neef.....	66	12	4	...	...	...	135	13	...	...	60	1	140	80	909 71	Albany, "
Holland, Albany.....	Henry K. Boer.....	80	14	3	2	...	...	137	10	...	...	70	1	126	257 22	1,139 71	Albany, "
First, Bethlehem.....	Vacant.....	119	10	4	1	...	...	229	3	...	...	4	1	316	110	1,650	Albany, "
Second, Bethlehem.....	J. L. Pearse, (s. c.).....	90	5	5	1	...	...	1	13	3	60	50	1	100	240	1,215	Adams' Station, "
Second, Berne.....	Vacant.....	77	...	...	...	...	...	3	113	...	...	1	1	101	5 51	132 47	Knox, "
Knox.....	Vacant.....	25	...	...	...	...	...	56	...	...	...	15	1	100	...	73 32	Clarksville, "
Clarksville.....	Vacant.....	61	...	...	...	...	...	5	90	...	...	133	1	133	211 57	1,452 63	Coeymans, "
Coeymans.....	H. P. Craig.....	100	11	2	1	...	...	3	163	9	2	...	1	160	35 04	703 65	Jerusalem, "
Jerusalem.....	Edwin Vedder.....	93	1	2	1	...	...	1	127	...	54	...	1	201	111 13	840	New Salem, "
New Salem.....	A. G. Lansing.....	106	1	1	1	...	...	2	103	4	1	...	1	50	...	...	Jerusalem, "
Onesquethaw.....	Edwin Vedder.....	50	...	...	...	...	...	61	...	...	...	...	1	60	20	600	Union Church, "
Union.....	A. C. Millsprague.....	50	...	...	...	...	...	4	46	4	...	60	1	96	232	1,762 27	New Baltimore, "
New Baltimore.....	A. M. Arcularius.....	72	2	7	2	...	...	188	3	1	...	...	1	60	24	351 80	Westerlo, "
Westerlo.....	Vacant.....	50	...	...	...	...	...	81	...	...	...	...	1	60	...	...	Westerlo, "
	Total.....	1662	91	65	52	2	50	2898	71	21	114	552	21	2886	\$10,496 83	\$32,468 03	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. R. W. Clark, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Enders, Associate Pastor Albany City Mission. *Revised List

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1884.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Children.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Arcot.	Moses Nathaniel.	35	2	4	...	...	1	42	3	1	17	15	49	16	A. P.	Arcot, Madras Presidency. In
Yelamur.	"	138	1	...	...	...	13	55	13	130	119	6	33	52	12	"
Arni.	John Scudder, M. D.	19	...	...	...	...	4	25	4	37	31	5	31	33	11	"
Alfendal.	"	29	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	54	33	2	12	26	6	"
Gnanodiam.	"	49	...	...	...	...	...	75	5	123	41	4	38	24	8	"
Mariyambadi.	"	13	...	...	...	...	...	24	3	50	9	1	15	3	3	"
Vellambi.	"	20	...	...	...	...	...	43	4	50	15	3	38	24	9	"
Chittoor.	Andrew Sawyer.	31	16	3	...	...	60	85	12	31	5	1	91	12	1	Chittoor,
Kodappalli.	"	69	3	13	1	5	...	80	19	110	370	8	537	72	188	"		
Madhapalle.	J. b Chamberlain, M. D.	158	11	14	9	...	...	12	11	35	4	1	41	18	25	Madhapalle,
Palamunur.	"	12	...	...	...	...	...	123	10	30	68	5	139	204	89	"
Vellore.	Jared W. Scudder, M. D.	73	5	15	18	3	...	122	7	4	53	8	52	14	16	Vellore,		
Kundiputtur.	"	101	3	6	3	...	...	105	5	5	63	2	164	4	3	"
Sekadu.	"	89	2	...	...	...	...	8	15	7	...	...	53	63	2	"
Carupady.	Abraham William.	145	9	21	...	...	...	28	3	71	1	1	188	76	5	Carupady
Tindivanam.	John H. Wyckoff, (s. c.)	16	2	...	...	...	...	100	8	80	4	1	30	77	15	Tindivanam
Coonoor.	"	59	7	...	...	...	...	104	18	121	34	7	303	22	10	"
Sattambadi.	"	69	7	...	...	...	...	100	13	121	45	3	245	11	9	"
Oratur.	Paul Bailey.	70	16	2	45	2	...	192	14	8	48	5	193	11	5	"		
Kolupankam.	"	52	1	23	2	...	...	53	...	57	16	3	147	8	9	"
Narasingamur.	"	37	11	1	...	...	...	60	48	49	29	2	139	10	11	"
Varikkal.	"	35	5	4	...	...	...	39	2	93	28	4	212	7	3	"
Vellirapattin.	"	52	5	...	...	...	...	67	9	1	...	...	...	19	4	"
Total		1380	100	111	141	17	33	1642	183	63	1289	1103	81	2903	*738	15 11 1025 13 8		

Other Ministers.—J. W. Conklin, in charge of Chittoor Station; L. Hekhuis, M.D., in charge of Arcot Station; E. C. Scudder, Jr., in charge of Arni Station.

Candidates.—A. M. Masillamoney, P. Souri.

*A rupee is worth fifty cents.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.			Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
English Neighborhood.	Andrew B. Taylor	30	1	1	1	1	31	7	2	1	60					\$68 37	\$700	Ridgefield, N. J.
First, Hackensack.	Theo. B. Romeyn.	150	10	4	5	1	3	273	7	2	350					1,350 35	3,500	Hackensack, "
Schraalenburgh.	George Seibert.	99	3	1	1	1	3	191	4	2	130	165				332 35	1,817 73	Schraalenburgh, "
New Durham.	William H. Scudder.	95	8	1	5	1	5	153	7	14	250					453 80	2,723 14	Weehawken, town of Union.
Park Ref., Jersey City.	J. Howard Suydam.	208	21	13	8	2	2	311	5	3	85					556 91	7,780	Jersey City, N. J.
First, Hoboken.	Isaac E. House.	57	16	27	4	2	117	76	10	1	20					90 32	1,743 51	Hoboken, "
North Bergen.	John Justin.	56	6	1	1	1	2	76	10	1	130					95 94	2,778	Weehawken, "
Second, Hackensack.	Vacant	55	1	3	1	1	5	605	245	1	60					318 17	2,500	Hackensack, "
Ger. Evam., Hoboken.	Leopold Mohr.	70	13	10	11	1	3	110	45		13					10	3,544 48	Hoboken, "
Third, Hackensack.	Louis Gombel.	80	2	10	3	119	3	110	3		135					56 75	1,400	Hackensack, "
Palisades.	P. V. Van Buskirk (s.c.)	56	4	4	1	52	6	90	3		100					55	580	Closter, "
Guttenburg.	F. M. Bogardus.	56	12	7	1	30	15	100	1		190					9 05	507 63	Fort Lee, "
Central Ave., J. City.	Alexander Shaw, S. S.	60	1	1	1	121	5	121	5		196					63 24	7,502 75	Guttenburg, "
Cherry Hill.	Charles S. Wright	39	1	1	1	64	2	64	3		1					40	660	Jersey City, "
Spring Valley.	James E. Graham.	36	6	1	1	42	3	42	3		2					400		New Bridge, "
Secaucus.	Vacant	1121	162	70	24	1	29	2385	364	27	1148	165				\$3,760 10	\$38,897 24	Secaucus, "
Total																		

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. R. Gordon, Manhasset, L. I.; Rev. Charles Parker, 202 South Oxford street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland County, Va.; James H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.										B.A.P.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.		Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevo- lent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
			Rec'd.	On Certificate.					Adults.	Total								
Bergen	Cornelius Brett.	215	10	11	6	7	307	21	1	240	300	2	400	\$1,385	98	\$7,841	71 509 Bergen ave., Jersey City.	
First, Jersey City	Wm. Westfield S. S.	100	4	5	4	2	163	5	1	35	88	1	167	120	60	4,331	48 116 Mercer street,	
First, Bayonne	William W. Knox	150	25	15	4	3	251	17	4	...	150	2	380	421	25	3,000	Bayonne, N. J.	
2d. J. City (1st V. V.)	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	4	6	...	3	219	9	...	100	165	1	307	821	57	5,599	95 288 Barrow street,	
Bergen Point	H. W. F. Jones, [P. E.	130	1	7	5	2	185	8	...	95	118	1	185	544	69	3,000	Bergen Point, N. J.	
Second, Hudson City	C. Doepenschmidt,	120	53	...	...	6	275	42	2	...	227	1	534	350	...	2,856	05 9 Cambridge ave.,
Lafayette	Emil A. Meury	90	8	11	5	4	193	11	...	125	150	1	300	646	...	4,417	239 Pacific ave.,	
Greenville	Wm. R. Duryee (s. c.)	68	6	2	9	5	122	8	1	60	55	1	210	248	78	2,574	91 39 Columbia Place,	
Free, Jersey City	P. T. Pockman	140	39	9	5	2	130	28	6	150	80	1	170	73	85	1,035	92 242 Third street,	
Third, Bayonne	Henry Mattice	30	7	...	1	1	68	14	...	40	40	1	40	...	...	650	Bergen Point, N. J.
South Bergen	Carl F. A. Klein S. S.	60	9	11	6	...	104	4	3	105	162	1	239	179	15	1,071	96 53 Brinkerhoff st.,	
1st G. Evan., J. City	William Vaughan	40	91	3	...	...	94	42	...	23	23	1	162	...	...	524	82 404 York st.,
St. John's G. E., Bergen	John Staehli	70	115	1	...	...	116	6	...	3	8	1	150	...	...	5,000	222 Monticello ave.,
St. John's G. E., Bergen	Godlieb Andraea	1333	367	81	44	1	35 2227	215	18	926	1566	15	3144	\$4,791	87	\$41,803	23	
	Total																	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Professor in Theological School, Tokio, Japan.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	(Congregational Purposes.	
Canastota	Supplied†	40	13	8	3	3	79	...	...	...	2	1	110	\$35 62	\$1,400	Canastota, N. Y.
Cicero.	Supplied†	30	1	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	1	1	91	25	3,033	Cicero, ..
Chittenango.	C. Otis Thatcher	83	2	...	1	118	89	...	...	...	1	1	112	181	1,650	Chittenango, ..
Naumberg*.	Peter Molling	35	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Naumberg, ..
New Bremen*	Peter Molling	10	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Naumberg, ..
Owasco.	Vacant	117	1	2	1	124	70	...	1	145	20	2	145	20	1,400	Owasco, ..	
Owasco Outlet*	Supplied§	40	...	...	...	...	70	...	2	...	...	1	75	...	...	Auburn, ..
Point Rock	John M. Reiner	8	20	...	...	...	20	...	40	...	...	1	40	...	200	West Leyden, ..
Syracuse	Evert Van Slyke	170	7	4	2	298	6	...	1	275	1	1	300	1,152	5,348	Syracuse, ..	
Thousand Isles.	E. C. Lawrence	80	4	1	1	84	4	...	2	130	1	1	130	45	1,355	Alexandria, ..	
Christ Church, Utica	Isaac S. Hartley	107	3	3	1	4	170	3	...	125	1	1	125	1,327	40,778 30	Utica, ..	
West Leyden.	John M. Reiner.	20	...	...	...	50	2	...	...	15	1	1	15	1,641	519 52	West Leyden, ..
Total		740	51	19	11	11	1170	18	7	275	11	1143	\$2,792 02	\$55,683 82			

Other Ministers.—Rev. George Rockwell, 592 E. 140th street, New York; Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Tokio, Japan.

*Last year's report. † Pastor elect.

‡ Rev. J. W. Whitfield.

§ Rev. R. H. Dexter.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Abbe Church.	D. J. De Bey.	60	13	42			1	119	6	2	129	57	1	129	\$180 90	\$893 13	Clymer, Chautauqua, N.Y.	
Arcadia.	W. G. Baas	30	18	48			1	66	17					75	7 54	122 13	Newark, Wayne Co.,	
Cato.	Vacant																Cato, Cayuga.	
Caroline.	Vacant																Slaterville, Thompson.	
Clymer.	M. Van Doorn.	84	1				6	185	8			50	1	95	77 36	790 96	Clymer, Chautauqua.	
Dunkirk.	Vacant	15					20							11	29		Dunkirk, Chautauqua.	
East Williamson.	J. W. Te Winkle	104	5	12	1		5	253	13		273	50	1	120	122 34	1,010 17	E. Williamson, Wayne.	
Farmer Village.	W. H. Nasholds	118	5	1			4	146	1	3	35	30	1	105	165 20	3,783 40	Farmer Vill., Sen. Co.,	
Geneva.	Thos. C. Strong, D. D.	95	1	2			4	137	1		40	30	1	60	75 5	1,125 4	Geneva, Ontario Co.,	
Lodi.	H. P. McAdam	145	3	1	3		5	213	1	3	83		1	200	362 08	1,466 44	Lodi, Seneca Co.,	
Marion.	Matt. Kolyn+	121	14	4	22	3	254	17			316	55	1	170	97 50	870	Marion, Wayne Co.,	
Mina.	Vacant	8					15							1	20		Mina, Chautauqua Co.,	
Pultneyville.	P. G. M. Bahler.	65	1	2	2		1	98	3		50	6	1	87	83 16	632 24	Pultneyville, Wayne.	
Rochester.	Peter De Bruyn.	207	12	2		5	294		27			160	1	290	456 69	3,708 84	Rochester, Monroe.	
Tyre.	S. T. Cole	40	4		1		51			2				1	89	96 71	506 56	Malcom, Seneca Co.,
Total	Total	1082	72	76	45	1	37	1901	94	10	926	408	12	1451	\$1,753 68	\$15,639 25		

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. Whitbeck (s. c.), Ithaca, N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Boehrer, Cohorteur, Am. Tract Soc., 1175 Michigan ave., Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renskers, Emeritus pastor, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. B. Veenhuizen, East William- son, Wayne Co., N. Y.

+ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.			Total now in Communion.	Number of Catechumens.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
Detroit.....	George Niemeyer.....	34	7	13	10	.....	49	3	89	25	1	65	\$75 10	\$454 31	Detroit, Mich.
Fremont Centre.....	Vacant.....	25	1	14	25	53	1	350	160	1	250	966 50	1,930 95	Fremont Centre, Mich.
1st, Grand Haven.....	Henry E. Dosker.....	160	30	7	5	6	176	53	220	100	1	140	176 35	816 05	Grand Haven, Mich.	
2d, Grand Haven.....	Chr. Van der Veen (s.c.).....	66	.....	2	1	118	118	.....	860	190	1	490	1,848 70	6,192 29	Grand Rapids, Mich.
2d, Grand Haven.....	Egdt. Winter, pas. elect.....	380	28	20	18	12	596	82	543	173	1	245	720	2,345	Grandville, Mich.	
3d, Grand Rapids.....	Adrian Krickard.....	185	31	17	2	291	291	42	359	112	1	167	429 86	1,305 79	Grandville, Mich.	
4th, Grand Rapids.....	Peter DePree.....	105	18	40	6	1	140	42	150	60	.....	.....	106 50	1,305 79	Grandville, Mich.
Grandville.....	William P. De Jonge.....	57	8	2	.....	71	71	4	470	275	1	270	1,156	1,683 41	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Kalamazoo.....	Nicholas H. Dosker.....	146	22	11	3	3	270	37	1115	236	1	350	1,184 83	2,223 65	Montague, Mich.	
Montague.....	Vacant.....	334	25	12	1	2	361	75	60	20	1	30	290	2,800	Muskegon, Mich.	
Muskegon.....	Jacob Van der Meulen.....	32	.....	.....	.....	45	45	7	352	100	1	160	195 58	1,105 88	Coopersville, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Polkton.....	Vacant.....	22	2	8	.....	3	34	.....	95	48	1	50	107 73	150	S. Haven, Van Buren Co., Mich.
South Haven.....	Gerrit Dangremond.....	121	9	5	5	4	120	19	352	100	1	160	195 58	1,105 88	Spring Lake, Mich.	
Spring Lake.....	Vacant.....	25	4	.....	.....	44	44	5	95	48	1	50	107 73	150	S. Haven, Van Buren Co., Mich.
Twin Lakes.....	Gerrit Dangremond.....
Total.....	Total.....	1692	185	143	59	3	28,2310	360	3	4666	1534	11	2217	\$6,938 25	\$21,608 18

Other Ministers.—Rev. Mannes Kiekintveld, Holland, Mich., disabled through ill health.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Athens.....	Herman Van Derwart.	92	9	2	1	...	3	157	6	2	57	...	1	175	\$276 09	\$3,427 24	Athens, N. Y.
Second, Athens.....	John B. Thompson.	20	16	8	10	2	6	28	12	3	218	165	3	280	884 43	150	Athens, "
First, Catskill.....	Bergen B. Staats.	250	1	2	3	...	6	443	3	1	41	112	2	184	144 62	3,708 48	Catskill, "
First, Cossackie.....	John H. Sulisbury.	100	1	1	3	...	5	205	3	2	66	...	1	200	600 19	1,132 46	Cossackie, "
Second, Cossackie.....	George J. Van Neste.	137	11	...	9	...	1	284	2	5	74	...	2	150	255 86	2,135 65	Cossackie, "
Kiskatom.....	Vacant.	88	3	7	3	...	1	204	11	3	3	...	2	67	35 65	871 04	Kiskatom, "
Leeds.....		48	4	...	5	...	1	87	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	930	Leeds
Total.....		735	44	19	31	2	24	1408	37	18	456	277	12	1056	\$2,196 84	\$12,344 87	

Other Ministers—Maurice G. Hansen, New Brunswick, N. J.; Benjamin Van Zandt (s. c.), Catskill, N. Y.; Sanford W. Roe, Cairo, N. Y.
Candidates—John Henry Brandow; William Henry Boocock, Henry R. DuBois and Melvin D. Brandow.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.			Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Beaverdam.	John Broek	44	2	1	2	1	85	6	6	140	66	1	75	390 90	\$298	Beaverdam, Ottawa Co., Mich		
Cleveland*.	Vacant	60	8	30	24	1	3	140	12	.....	60	2	100	281 75	900	45 Linden St., Cleveland, O.	
Drenthet	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Drenthe, Ottawa Co., Mich
East Overysselet	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Overysselet, Allegan Co., "
Ebenezer	Josias Meulendyk	49	2	.....	2	.....	102	10	10	.....	73	1	63	79 38	751 76	Holland, Ottawa Co., "
Fynaarst	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	E. Saugatuck, Allegan Co., "
Graafschap*	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	105	1	120	897 00	1,413 67	Holland, "
Holland, 1st	Nicholas M. Steffens(s. c.)	19	3	1	10	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	100	1	260	570	1,511 90	Forest Grove, Ottawa Co., "
Holland, 3d	Dirk Broek	105	8	.....	10	.....	2	197	22	2	95	1	132	151 51	1,322 43	North Holland, "
Janestown	John Van Der Meulen	66	1	6	2	.....	3	101	18	.....	511	1	210	112	1,335	Overysselet, Allegan Co., "
North Holland	Balster Van Ess	136	12	15	4	.....	4	176	30	.....	300	2	330	697 75	2,129 83	Overysselet, Allegan Co., "
Overysselet	Gerrit J. Nykerk and Peter Lepeltak.	160	18	14	8	1	6	376	40	.....	15	1	20	99 02	279 50	Cawker C. Mitchell Co., Kan.	
Rotterdam	John Hockje.	28	1	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Saugatuck, Allegan Co Mich
Saugatuck*.	Vacant	8	2	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hudsonville, "
South Blendon	Vacant	25	2	2	2	.....	1	35	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 25	Three Oaks, "
Three Oaks.	Vacant	21	2	19	1	.....	20	.....	6	.....	73	1	104	195 83	635 35	Vriesland, Ottawa Co., "
Vriesland	Vacant	55	1	5	.....	2	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hamilton, Allegan Co., "
Zabriskie\$.	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Zeeland, Ottawa Co., "
Zeeland	John Kremer	177	9	18	6	1	5	297	39	.....	250	1	325	882 49	1,518 25		
Total.	Total.	934	84	108	67	3	28	1642	213	2	2008	1335	15	1827	\$4,060 72	\$12,167 95		

Other Ministers—Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., Holland City, Ottawa County, Mich.

*Last year's report. †Records in hands of Seceiders. ‡No full report for same reason. §Only nominally existing.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Hudson.....	William Smith.....	226	6	13	6	3	479	4	4	70	100	1	325	1,503 41	4,560 79	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack.....	William J. Leggett.....	115	5	17	2	6	245	1	1	.....	.....	4	215	346 90	1,640	Claverack, ..
Second Claverack.....	Arad J. Sebring.....	150	1	2	.....	1	187	1	.....	.....	.....	2	290	351 17	1,235 50	Mellenville, ..
Limlithgo.....	Thos. S. Dinsberger(s.c.)	*75	3	.....	.....	4	116	.....	1	.....	.....	1	90	214 81	1,591 52	Livingston, ..
Greenport.....	William D. Perry.....	119	37	6	.....	6	224	7	14	.....	102	2	164	371 67	1,292	Hudson, ..
Greenport.....	.....	108	32	5	.....	3	168	9	.....	.....	107	1	116	75	1,450	.....
German town.....	Ezekiel C. Scudder.....	90	3	5	1	.....	168	6	1	.....	.....	1	140	465 94	1,728	German town, ..
Upper Red Hook.....	James C. Garretson.....	78	8	3	.....	3	113	12	5	99	.....	1	137	57 53	1,077 24	Upper Red Hook, ..
West Copake.....	William N. Todd.....	77	3	2	.....	8	159	1	1	27	.....	1	75	67 64	782 91	West Copake, ..
Gallatin.....	George Le Fevre.....	58	3	1	1	3	30	13	3	.....	9	1	80	41 33	659	Mt. Ross, ..
Livingston Church.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
[At Limlithgo.]	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	Total.....	1096	71	47	40	1	37,1891	55	29	196	318	15	1542	3,464 80	16,016 96	.....

*Revised.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	On Confession			Suspended.	Total now in Communion.			Infants.	Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
			Rec'd.	Discontinued.	On Certificate.												
Fair View	John S. Joralmou (s. c.)	115	1	3		3	174	3			3	190	\$283 00	\$1,055	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill.		
First Pekin	Vacant	45			1		53					75		246	Pekin, Ill.		
Spring Lake	Frank A. Force [P. E.]	17	6		27		27	1		25	1	30	7 35	951 67	Manito, Mason Co., Ill.		
Baritan	C. Van Oostenbrugge.	46		12	114		114		1		1	100	29 70	600	Baritan, Henderson Co., Ill.		
Bushnell	Vacant	49		4	1 35		1 35	291	48	688	150	3	350	956 54	3,892 46	Bushnell, Ill.	
First Pella	Vacant	190	11	24	3		3	24		8		1	125	50	600	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Havana	William B. Gilmore	22		2	1		1	24		8		1	163	8 61	346 16	Havana, Ill.	
Second Pella	Gerrit Huyser	59	32	7	9		9	14	4	88	70	1	285	197 06	1,144 84	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Third Pella	Francis Rederus.	115	7	3	1		1	101	30	4	130	1	60	130	1,100	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Odey	Evert Westing.	60	7	2	3		3	41	10		40	2	80	8 50	410	Odey, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Bethel	Vacant	23	4	5	1		1	30	3			1	66	28 50	341 16	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Orange City	Ale Bursma.	218	20	33	39	2	1	362	62	2	400	1	260	821 28	3,581 07	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa	
Norris*	Saml. A. Bumstead, S. S.	18			16		16			800		1	18		850	Norris, Fulton Co., Ill.	
Norwood Park	Vacant	27	3	17	1		55		1			1	63	93 15	1,139 99	Norwood Park, Cook Co., Ill.	
Irving Park	Win. A. Phraner, S. S.	77	13	9	3		60		4			1	225			Irving Park	
Parkersburg*	Vacant	105			112		112					2	120			Parkersburg, Iowa.	
Second Pekin	J. E. Terborg	31	4	1	62		62	13		81	20	1	110	51 90	496 65	Pekin, Ill.	
Alton	J. W. Warnshuis.	130	18	19	5	3	1	202	40	1	351	140	128	164 39	1,565 39	Alton, Sioux Co., Iowa.	
West Branch	James De Pree.	73	14	10	3	1	119	16		266	125		100	98 04	1,038 48	Sioux Center, "	
Manito	Frank A. Force	20	1	1	1		15				75	1	100	1 25	139	Manito, Mason Co., Ill.	
Washington.	Paul F. Shuelke	45	8		8		45	20		60	20	3	144	39 25	781	Ackley, Butler Co., Iowa.	
Lennox, Dakota*	K. B. Weiland, S. S.	24			52		52				63	1	73		75	Lennox, Lincoln Co., Dakota.	
Turner	H. W. Warnshuis	20	3	4	1		37			23	15	1	55			Turner, Turner Co., Dakota.	
North Orange	L. Dykstra	50	6	28	2		66	10	1		75	1	90	115 38	347 78	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa	
Marion	S. J. Harnmeling, S. S.				1		18									Marion, Turner Co., Dakota.	
Harrison	A. Stegeman	58	7	9	1		60	9			25	1	50			Harrison, Douglass Co., "	
Sioux Falls	E. P. Livingston, S. S.	35	7	12	19		40	4	2	4		1	75		1,106 50	Sioux Falls, "	
Centreville	H. W. Warnshuis, S. S.		39	1												Centreville, Turner Co., "	
Total.....		1662	220	158	140	7	25	2341	283	20	2369	1373	34	3035	\$3,083 90	\$21,208 15	

Other Ministers—Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, Ill.; Rev. A. J. Betten, Orange City, Iowa; Rev. Seine Bolks, Emeritus, Orange City, Iowa.

*Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.	On Confession		On Certificate.	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.		No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Bloomingdale.....	James M. Compton.....	102	3	1	1	2	..	..	4	116	21	1	55	..	179	\$10	\$534 95	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove.....	Wm. H. Vroom.....	150	9	1	3	1	6	236	11	3	3	208	30	2	288	171 19	1,143 77	High Falls, "	
Dashville Falls.....	Richard P. Milliken.....	60	1	138	5	..	195	85	4	212	17 78	373 80	Rifton Glen, "
Guilford.....	Calvin E. Lasher.....	100	8	5	2	..	..	108	5	..	..	90	55	1	129	57 82	1,375 80	Gardiner, "
Hurley.....	DeWitt B. Wyckoff.....	75	9	5	4	..	..	3	152	13	2	90	55	1	129	182 73	1,140 80	Hurley, "
Kingston, Fair Street.....	Stephen D. Noyes.....	150	5	9	8	..	..	4	323	8	2	..	..	276	292 75	5,066 74	Kingston, "	
Krumville.....	Paul T. Deyo.....	50	..	..	..	..	..	1	97	4	..	70	40	1	80	12	400	Samsenville, "
Lyonsville.....	Vacant.....	50	..	..	..	..	..	2	90	4	..	..	..	1	40	..	110	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown.....	Victor M. Hulbert.....	85	1	1	6	..	..	238	1	1	1	..	50	1	60	52 99	712 43	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown, North Ch.....	Victor M. Hulbert.....	56	..	..	..	..	..	1	114	2	..	..	50	1	80	38 75	362 73	Stone Ridge, "
New Paltz.....	Ame Vennema.....	290	9	9	5	..	..	4	363	9	2	335	195	2	320	937 46	2,879 20	New Paltz, "
Rochester.....	John B. Church.....	136	16	1	4	..	..	5	191	6	4	158	40	1	340	63	1,430	Accord, "
Rosendale.....	Matthew N. Oliver.....	90	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	..	..	..	..	1	70	80	320	Rosendale, "
St. Remy.....	James M. Compton.....	37	..	..	1	..	..	74	5	..	..	18	..	1	88	9 45	330 96	Whiteport, "
Total.....	Total.....	1401	60	34	44	1	40	2320	85	15	15	1129	545	28	2277	1,925 92	16,080 38		

Others Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co. N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Liebenau, Emeritus, Rosendale, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. Ferguson Harris (s. c.), Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. James Denarest, Jr., Bloomfield, N. J.

†Relation dissolved, to take effect April 10th. ‡Stated supply.

*Revised List.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Rec'd.	On Certificate.				Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
			On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.										
Jamaica.....	Wm. H. De Hart.....	165	10	9	5	5	289	15	1	...	75	2	229	\$514 13	\$3,622 86	Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown.....	Chas. I. Shepard.....	96	1	4	4	6	194	9	...	...	...	2	300	844 84	2,052 07	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay.....	J. H. Snook.....	96	1	2	6	5	114	...	...	...	...	1	112	99 34	1,419	Glen Head, "
North Hempstead.....	Abram I. Martine.....	73	3	1	...	3	94	4	...	...	...	2	140	153 49	1,800 60	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh.....	Vacant.....	200	...	...	...	...	450	...	...	...	...	43	4800	4179 52	49,073 25	Williamsburgh, "
Astoria.....	M. L. Haines.....	104	12	4	5	3	338	7	2	48	120	1	298	555 17	3,600	Astoria, "
Flushing.....	O. E. Cobb.....	107	6	5	1	2	240	3	...	...	90	1	171	414	7,157 71	Flushing, "
Greenpoint.....	Lewis Francis.....	230	10	14	19	9	424	9	2	75	...	2	950	959 39	7,157 71	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, E. D.
South Bushwick.....	George D. Hulst.....	165	12	28	2	8	289	24	2	...	...	1	750	200	4,000	15 Hunrod St., " N. Y.
Second Astoria.....	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.....	95	24	2	1	283	50	...	...	...	35	1	180	40	1,800	Astoria, "
East Williamsburgh.....	Vacant.....	30	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	1	110	118 47	148 44	Queens, "
Queens.....	Andrew Hageman.....	100	10	2	3	147	16	...	...	...	...	2	100	423	3,014 03	3156 Graham Av. Br'klyn, E. D.
German Ev., Brooklyn.....	John M. Wagner.....	290	24	1	8	470	50	...	...	...	376	2	950	465 41	3,810	Queens, " N. Y.
Sayville.....	G. Van Emertick.....	37	...	6	1	3	74	6	...	94	17	1	90	23 07	700	Sayville, " N. Y.
Locust Valley.....	J. H. Snook.....	50	2	1	1	62	1	...	1	...	...	1	90	...	2,156 68	Glen Head, " N. Y.
College Point.....	Herman C. Berg.....	78	2	1	1	127	17	...	...	150	19	1	220	257 88	2,156 68	College Point, " N. Y.
First Ref., L. I. City.....	Ernest Gutwiler.....	39	1	1	3	36	12	...	...	125	125	1	137	1,075	1,075	Long Island City, " N. Y.
Bushwick.....	Robt. H. Bart.....	300	6	7	25	9	441	12	2	...	...	1	1100	230 35	5,063 80	228 Leonard St., Br'klyn, E. D.
German Ev., Jamaica.....	Henry Frech.....	52	5	3	1	158	14	...	...	...	...	1	70	37	1,383 04	Jamaica, " N. Y.
Jericho.....	Vacant.....	25	...	3	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	33	...	200	Jericho, " N. Y.
Hicksville*.....	Vacant.....	27	12	15	...	27	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	Hicksville, "
Total.....		2359	140	95	89	1	68,4191	251	10	367	982	29	7153	\$5,108 28	\$38,222 26	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D. N. Y.; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Alliger, New York City; Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.), New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John Wensch, Newark, N. J.; Rev. E. S. Porter, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.

Candidate.—Herman H. Shook, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Contributions the past year.

†Report of 1882.

*Organized Dec. 9, 1883.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.	Non-Communicants.			C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		On Confession		Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.		Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized	Number of Com- municants.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Brooklyn.....	David N. Vanderveer.....	183	18	6	6	6	331	4	1	.....	125	750	\$5,681 96	\$7,939 52	95 Livingston St. B'lyn. N. Y.		
Flatbush.....	C. L. Wells.....	116	1	3	7	3	220	7	.....	253	200	360	5,132 04	4,000	Flatbush, Kings Co.,		
" Mission.....		60		1			35	10	.....		75	3	101				
New Utrecht.....	Alfred H. Brush.....	100	6	6	1	3	247	2	.....		75	3	352	980 42	2,841 54	New Utrecht, ..	
Gravesend.....	A. P. Stockwell.....	120	16	4	3	5	218	17	4	121	125	2	210	678 71	1,818 48	Gravesend, ..		
Flatlands.....	John S. Gardner.....	90	6	1	7	6	196	10	.....	136	196	2	329	533 98	3,084 85	Flatlands, ..	
New Lots.....	Nicholas Pearse.....	70	6		4	3	174	9	1	139	35	1	196	1,310 24	2,605 06	East New York, ..		
East New York.....	Daniel Van Pelt.....	82	10	3	1	2	74	9	3	56	200	1	325	633 29	2,547 11	" ..		
South Brooklyn.....	Alfred D. W. Mason.....	66	2	10	1	5	275	5	2	50	60	1	300	117 34	1,685 95	1059 3d Av., Brooklyn.		
Middle ".....	Wm. H. Ford.....	134	22	13	49	14	640	35	25	301	500	2	1414	1,100 28	6,550	309 President St., ..		
12th St., ".....	U. D. Gulick.....	220	47	24	26	14	440	6	.....	109	109	1	262	361 64	6,364 39	257 12th St., ..	
North ".....	Alex. R. Thompson.....	56	6	6	10	2	403	10	4	40	40	2	450	7,694 17	2,886 30	180 Clermont Av., ..		
Ch. on Heights, B'lyn.....	Alfred J. Hutton.....	106	21	9	7	2	333	69	.....	22	160	1	300	112 02	1,576	165 Hicks St., ..	
New Brooklyn.....	Jacob Weber.....	115	24	2	2	3	273	9	3	650	22	1	280	149 20	7,452 85	772 Herkimer St., ..		
Bedford.....	Walter T. Griffin.....	187	21	34	1		101	9	1	81	9	1	60	15 69	800	674 Bedford Av., ..		
Second Flatbush.....	C. H. Schwarzbach.....	60	6	1		1	61	6	.....	112	9	1	95	44 50	513 84	Flatbush, Kings Co., ..	
Canarsie.....	Conrad Dickhaut.....	39	2				119	4	.....		18	1	70	15	2,648 35	East New York, Kings Co., ..	
St. Thomas, West Indies.....	Anson DuBois.....	40	8			1		4	.....			70	15			St. Thomas, West Indies.	
Total.....	Total.....	1844	222	123	125	61	3835	230	51	1800	1883	25	6190	\$24,787 48	\$67,912 65			

Other Ministers.—Rev. John A. Lansing, 430 Gates Av., Brooklyn; Jacob West, 34 Vesey St., N. Y.; John M. Ferris, 6 New Church St., N. Y.; Daniel Rapalje, Amoy; China; Robert G. Strong, (s. c.) Flatbush, L. I.; John M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Jacob Whitehurst, Bethany Chapel, 104 Willoughby St., Brooklyn; David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Rec'd.		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.		Total now in Com-munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate-chumens.		No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Con-trecational Purposes.
		On Confession	On Certificate.															
Centreville.....	Alonzo Paige Peeke.....	82	9	8	...	8	174	2	2	...	...	...	1	127	\$63 62	\$1,489 27	Centreville Mich.
Constantine.....	John W. Beardslee (s.c.).....	75	25	4	...	4	155	6	11	...	...	...	3	280	175	1,948 32	Constantine, " "
De Spelder.....	Edmund W. Borden.....	25	2	...	...	1	20	3	...	42	...	...	1	30	19 65	260	Ridgeway, " "
Grand Rapids.....	Peter Moerdyke.....	100	35	7	4	5	241	23	6	200	110	1	1	275	204	2,561 21	Grand Rapids, " "	
Hope, 2d Holland.....	T. Walker Jones.....	85	1	12	...	1	92	4	...	85	...	...	3	315	223	2,145 78	Holland, " "
Macon.....	Vacant.....	34	...	...	...	4	53	...	...	53	...	...	1	100	9	334 25	Macon, " "
Porter.....	Vacant.....	4	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	Newberg, " "
South Bend.....	N. Dubois Williamson.....	42	10	5	...	3	65	6	6	92	...	...	2	367	90 86	930 63	South Bend, Indiana.
South Macon.....	Vacant.....	27	...	...	...	...	30	1	...	38	...	...	1	75	23 16	492	Macon, Mich.
	Total.....	470	79	31	27	1	842	45	25	470	110	13	1569		\$808 29	\$10,171 46		

Other Ministers.—Rev. Charles Scott, President of Hope College, Holland, Mich.; Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich.; Rev. J. H. Kershaw, Unadilla, Mich.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Scholars.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	(Congregational Purposes.	
First, Freehold.....	Theo. W. Wells (s. c.)..	100	12	1	2	...	...	210	3	3	90	80	2	195	\$155 28	\$2,042 07	Marlboro'gh, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Holmdel.....	William Reiley.....	90	5	1	...	...	...	182	4	4	88	...	3	90	360 40	1,470 82	Holmdel.
Spotswood.....	Cyril Spaulding.....	40	...	...	...	...	...	66	2	2	30	...	1	1	18 21	3,473 24	Spotswood, Middl'x Co., "
Middletown.....	Charles D. Buck.....	42	6	1	...	...	...	88	2	2	25	65	1	75	102 32	889 13	Middletown, Monmouth Co. "
Second, Freehold.....	Isaac P. Brokaw.....	96	3	2	...	...	...	222	3	3	83	80	1	130	515 97	3,065 25	Freehold.
Keyport.....	Elias Mead.....	53	2	2	...	...	...	100	13	13	41	8	2	125	86	1,519 21	Keyport.
First, Long Branch.....	Charles J. Young.....	125	29	14	3	...	...	263	8	8	105	30	2	260	152 82	2,369 81	Long Branch.
Colts Neck.....	George W. Labaw.....	110	3	7	...	...	...	185	4	4	107	50	2	110	161 51	1,141 64	Colts Neck.
Highlands.....	Abraham W. Allen.....	22	2	1	...	...	...	92	2	2	18	...	1	96	10	46	Highlands.
Asbury Park.....	William H. Ballagh.....	71	5	2	4	1	3	72	2	1	28	...	15	101	52 93	*2,315 32	Asbury Park.
Total	Total	749	67	32	25	2	20	1420	40	30	615	328	15	1382	\$1,615 44	\$18,332 49	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Garret C. Schenck, Emeritus, Braderelt, Monmouth County, N. J.; Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., Marlborough, Monmouth County, N. J.; Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth County, N. J.

* Exclusive of Pastor's support.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Auriclesville	J. Campbell Boyd, S. S.	44	2	2			5	42	1	1			1	86	\$33	\$298	Auriclesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie	E. Stoddard Haines	166						192	12	1			2	213	202 01	1,823 61	Canajoharie, Columbia.
Columbia*	Vacant	105						83					2	160			Columbia.
Cranesville	Vacant	39						22					1	35	46 20	316	Cranesville.
Currytown	John Minor	37	1	5	1		3	58					1	40		7,587 21	Rural Grove, Florida.
Ephratah	R. M. Stanbrough, S. S.	85	1					135	1	1			1	100	116	252	Ephratah.
Florida	Richard A. Pearse.	72	2	2			1	125	1	1			5	310	797 45	1,100	Minerva, Florida.
Fonda	John A. DeBaun.	214	11	14	13		7	433	6	5			1	100	367	2,390 62	Fonda.
Fort Plain	Vacant	160	1	4	1		1	192					1	100			Fort Plain.
Fort Herkimer	Vacant																Fort Plain.
Fultonville	F. V. Van Vranken	111	7	1	2		5	128	1	5			1	125	284 72	1,700	Fultonville.
Glen	Sidney O. Lawning	83	1	3			4	87	1				2	150	117 37	1,120	Glen.
Hagaman's Mills.	A. J. Hagenman, (S. C.)	95	42	2	1		4	141	4	18			2	185	281 35	957 80	Hagaman's Mills.
Henderson	Daniel Lord	26	3					23					1	25		350	Jordanville.
Herkimer	Henry M. Cox.	125	19	5	1		1	190	2	6			1	145	270 15	2,011 90	Herkimer.
Indian Castle*	Vacant	13						10									Herkimer.
Manheim*	Vacant	40						65					1	40			East Creek.
Mapletown	Vacant	50					3	62					1	25	30	250	Canajoharie.
Mohawk	James Edmonson	80	12					89		12			50	100	40	1,303 11	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson	J. R. Kyle	102	4	9	4		5	200	2	1			25	154	247	1,262 73	Port Jackson.
St. Johnsville	Albert Dod Minor	125	1	3	1		6	158					12	127	95 58	1,363 23	St. Johnsville.
Stone Arabia	Rufus M. Stanbrough.	47	5		2		2	75	3	3			1	25	13 16	894 54	Stone Arabia.
Spraker's Basin.	John Minor, S. S.	36	1					31					1	44	12 19	165 25	Spraker's Basin.
Total.		1845	112	53	41	2	49	2541	38	52	342	467	28	2239	\$2,956 51	\$27,110 21	

Other Ministers—Joseph Kneskern, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y.; R. R. Williams, New York City.

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CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Com- munion.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
Belleville.....	Ralph W. Brokaw.....	118	7	8	9	7	7	7	2	158	1	8	116	160	1	180	\$406 25	\$2,374 41	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First, Newark.....	William H. Gleason.....	175	7	18	6	4	4	4	4	383	5	3	31	200	2	500	1,340 11	7,594 17	Newark, ..
Irvington.....	Henry Velslage (s. c.).....	90	1	2	6	3	3	3	3	159	2	2	31	50	1	185	12	1,475	Irvington, ..
Second, Newark.....	John A. Davis.....	100	11	10	8	3	3	3	3	162	4	2	2	146	1	300	493 13	4,636 36	Newark, ..
Franklin.....	Supplied.....	50	8	4	4	7	7	7	7	473	2	3	8	150	1	150	13,272 70	7,028 15	..
North, Newark.....	David Waters.....	242	13	27	4	1	2	2	2	243	8	1	40	560	2	200	13 60	2,574 32	..
West, Newark.....	Carl Girtanner.....	80	25	1	1	5	5	5	5	363	108	7	5	22	2	837	4,229 55	7,128 16	..
Clinton ave., Newark.....	William J. R. Taylor.....	180	17	10	12	3	3	3	3	533	13	5	5	25	1	200	9	439 28	..
East, Newark.....	Supplied.....	43	5	3	5	3	3	3	3	53	13	5	5	25	1	200	9	439 28	..
Linden.....	Oscar Gesner, S. S.....	35	14	8	3	2	2	2	2	68	2	5	5	25	1	118	63 24	970 50	Linden, Union Co., ..
Woodside.....	Supplied.....	450	3	17	1	2	2	2	2	186	3	3	3	90	1	188	250	2,272	..
Stone House Plains.....	William G. E. See.....	180	21	19	9	4	4	4	4	107	3	3	3	236	1	318	1,560 51	*3,693 90	Brookdale, Essex Co., ..
Orange.....	George S. Bishop.....	155	11	30	10	3	3	3	3	371	6	6	6	236	1	230	1,601 77	6,150 08	East Orange, ..
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Andrew V. V. Raymond.....	139	155	78	1	45	3069	163	39	351	4	3	3	42	1	230	1,601 77	6,150 08	Plainfield, Union Co., ..
Total.....	Total.....	1458								3069	163	39	187	1431	17	4372	\$23,251 86	\$47,356 33	

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J.; Louis H. Bahler, Flemington, N. J.; Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.

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CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPT.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
First, New Brunswick.	Thomas C. Easton	370	65	16	26	2	13	*738	23	22	330	165	1	478	\$2,628 59	\$3,954 38	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run.	Vacant	155	44	8	15	...	6	313	7	12	150	50	5	300	785 92	1,413 48	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough.	E. T. Corwin (s. c.).	160	20	14	9	...	4	245	10	2	200	100	7	200	267 68	1,200	Millstone, "
Middlebush.	James LeFevre.	80	4	6	9	...	2	155	2	1	105	115	1	130	360	2,019	Middlebush, "
Griggstown.	John G. Gebhard.	50	1	7	...	...	4	130	4	...	41	65	2	80	203 23	776 70	Griggstown, "
2d, New Brunswick.	Manchins H. Hutton.	191	19	6	13	...	4	410	8	2	172	201	2	325	2,940 10	5,836 98	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook.	David M. Talmage.	65	20	9	3	...	5	131	2	10	25	166	1	166	81 15	1,023 06	Bound Brook, "
Third, New Brunswick.	Carl Meyer S. S.	...	...	...	...	...	1	160	2	...	30	30	1	75	150	1,284	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone.	Alex. McWilliam.	70	11	6	6	...	2	145	...	...	...	...	2	160	37 89	1,990 83	East Millstone, "
Metuchen.	James Cruikshanks	70	1	2	4	...	2	145	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Metuchen, "
Total	Total	1211	184	68	92	2	41	2507	58	49	1033	895	22	1924	\$7,454 56	\$19,498 43	

Other Ministers.—William H. Campbell, Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle, Profs. in Rutgers College; Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall; P. J. Quick, Librarian of Sage Library; address of all, New Brunswick, N. J.; John L. See, Secretary of the Board of Education, 34 Vesey street, New York City; John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J.; Eugene S. Booth and Kinage Kimura, Japan; Islay Walden, Lassier Mills, N. C.; John H. Bergen, Columbus, Ga.; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Ontario; Edward Lord; William H. Steele, Newark, N. J.

Candidates.—DeWitt T. Reiley, Prof. in Rutgers College, and Alex. G. Van Aken, both of New Brunswick, N. J.; Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Cate-chumens.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
New York (Collegiate)	Thomas E. Vernilye.	700	55	45	43	26	1946	13	3		1450	7	\$2,128 29		{ 15 West 36th St., N. Y. City. 70 West 36th St., 17 West 33d St., 42 West 33d St., 113 Fulton
	Talbot W. Chambers.														
	Edward B. Coe.														
North.	Giles H. Mandeville.														
	Knox Men'l. Chapl's														
	Seventh Ave.)														
	Joseph R. Duryee.	300	65	39	34	2	10	531	21	26	650	1	1,406		
	Roderick Terry.	140	6	4	3	1	265	9	61		75	2	6,474 74		
	J. A. Billingsley.	111	23	1	4	109	16				70	1	212 54		
	James Brownlee.	154	2	1	1	6	256	5	13		200	2	854		
	Carlton Martyn.	80	22	20	2						151	1	425		
	Bloomington.	143	10	9	11	3	277	2	2		213	2	3,337 78		
	Madison Avenue.	180	9	8	32	6	375	7	1		185	1	610		
	Thirtieth Street.	175	44	3	8	7	532	25	4		50	1	2,176 28		
	German Ev. Mission.														
	James M. Geyer.														
	Richmond, Staten Is'ld														
	Huguenot.														
Holland.	St. Paul's, Mott Haven	102	14	12	10	8	252	14	4			1	373 92		
	Union, High Bridge.	39	3		1	55	2	1	42			1	335 28		
	Fourth German.	86	58	2		2	447	36	1		300	1	2,834 10		
	Prospect Hill	94	22	18	6	5	188	7	4		115	1	622 50		
	Oliver H. Walser.														
	Arend H. Bechtold.	33	5	3	1		72	1	1		8		135 51		
	Jacob Schlegel.	96	49			6	541	75			35	1	5,600		
	William Walton Clark.	100	7	18	21	1	307	7	1		220	1	1,700		
	Union, Sixth Avenue.	115	17	1	11	1	300				123	1	735 64		
	German, Norfolk St.	53	40	6	5		6*172	36			42		386 65		
	Kreischersville, Stat. I.	100	15			8*105	11				7		155		
	Brookfield, Conn.														
	Vacant.														
	Mattoon & Amelia C.H														
	Total.	2801	661	190	182	2	97	6825	298	62	1008	4007	\$2,417 02	\$75,553 01	

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothery Miller, in *transitu*, Yokohama, Japan; Rev. Nathan Henry Deane, Nagasaki, Japan.
Other Ministers.—Rev. Enoch Van Alen, Fugitus, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. J. B. Steele, Canajoharie, N. Y.; Rev. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. John Forsyth, Newburgh, N. Y.; Rev. William H. Miller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Rev. F. N. Zubrisky, Chavetack, N. Y.; Rev. A. J. Park, Weston, Conn.; Rev. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, New York City; Rev. F. M. Kip, Chaplain, Tompkinsville, N. Y.
Candidate.—Clarence M. Verlee, 18 East 55th St., New York City.

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CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.		COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.		Total Enrollment.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Berea	Adrian Westveer.....	73	8	3	8	2	129	7	2	2	22	1	103	\$116 47	\$841 06	Walden, N. Y.	
Bloomingsburgh.....	James B. Wilson.....	60	7	9	3	2	117	3	3	20	1	93	1	45 57	1,021 50	Bloomingsburgh, N. Y.	
Callicoon.....	Vacant.....	57	.....	.....	.....	6	3	149	.....	.....	20	.....	85	13	.....	Callicoon, N. Y.
Clara ville.....	Vacant.....	58	18	6	.....	5	80	1	12	.....	50	2	125	23 19	530 88	Clara ville, N. Y.
Cuddebackville.....	Herman Hageman	190	12	5	3	5	294	11	5	.....	150	2	414	641 45	5,805 04	Cuddebackville, N. Y.
Deerpark.....	Gwyn Rahmge.....	90	2	10	5	1	4	201	8	1	.....	1	206	284 73	3,273 64	Port Jervis, N. Y.
Ellenville.....	John Hutchins.....	90	2	2	5	2	114	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	100	800	Ellenville, N. Y.
Fallsburgh.....	Walter S. Brown.....	90	2	2	5	2	114	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	100	800	Woodbourne, N. Y.
Grahamville.....	Vacant.....	50	1	5	.....	1	120	.....	2	.....	1	100	1	3 85	352 89	Grahamville, N. Y.
Kerhonkson.....	Vacant.....	50	3	2	.....	1	60	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	100	Kerhonkson, N. Y.
Manakating.....	Vacant.....	48	4	8	1	2	111	1	2	.....	2	100	1	6	300	Wurtsboro, N. Y.
Mannisk.....	J. L. Stillwell.....	85	4	2	.....	3	45	5	4	10	.....	.....	1	.....	1,868 19	Montague, N. Y.
Montgomery.....	Ferdinand S. Schenck.....	185	11	8	4	6	410	11	5	.....	100	4	200	1,156 55	9,843 11	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh.....	Henry V. S. Myers.....	197	15	18	4	4	423	6	.....	116	35	1	171	401 13	.....	Newburgh, N. Y.
New Hurley.....	Robert H. Beattie.....	109	2	5	4	1	151	4	1	.....	.....	.....	130	184 67	1,076 18	New Hurley, N. Y.
New Prospect.....	John T. Demarest.....	80	1	1	.....	3	133	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	98	120	.....	Pine Bush, N. Y.
Shawangunk.....	Peter K. Hageman.....	75	8	3	6	1	190	7	6	.....	.....	.....	150	73 61	1,221 82	Brutuswick, N. Y.
Unionville.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grahamville, N. Y.
Walden.....	M. V. Schoonmaker.....	80	8	7	5	4	190	10	3	.....	100	1	200	370	1,800	Walden, N. Y.
Walkill Valley.....	Richard DeWitt (s. c.).....	70	13	7	5	.....	111	2	5	37	20	1	80	58 29	1,552 82	Walkill, N. Y.
Walpack (Upper).....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dingman's Bridge, Pa.
Walpack (Lower).....	H. L. Rex.....	70	.....	.....	.....	3	130	1	.....	.....	65	2	100	47 22	700	Bushkill, Pa.
Wawarsing.....	George D. Lydecker.....	61	.....	2	7	.....	1 83	2	.....	.....	3	170	.....	71 23	1,015 49	Napanoch, N. Y.
Total.....	Total.....	1737	119	93	81	3	683241	96	51	163	582	29	2770	\$3,719 26	\$31,888 62		

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. E. W. Bentley, Canton Center, Hartford Co., Conn.; Rev. G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Bridge, Pa.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Revivewal Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Acquanconek.....	John Gaston.....	160	14	2	4	1	322	12	.....	265	150	1	\$1,599 28	\$2,763 52	Passaic, N. J.	
Broadway, Paterson.....	Nat'l H. Van Arsdale.....	100	1	1	1	.....	170	5	1	149	150	1	626 45	12,301 31	Paterson, ..	
Centerville.....	John L. Stillwell \$.....	19	4	3	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	1	175	1	172 39	1,307 35	Athens, N. Y.
Clarkstown.....	Vacant.....	+86	5	5	3	.....	123	2	.....	124	10	1	167 33	1,168 13	Mount Moor, N. J.
1st. Holland, Paterson.....	James Huyssoon.....	+95	2	9	.....	.....	160	20	.....	188	48	1	135 75	809 22	Paterson, ..
Holland, Lodi.....	Louis G. Jongeneel.....	40	2	5	11	.....	48	2	.....	105	.....	1	120	327 05	Lodi, ..
Holland, Passaic.....	William Wormser.....	110	7	2	3	2	154	11	.....	366	90	1	106 60	1,769 05	Passaic, ..	
Holland, Wortendyke.....	John Smit.....	101	22	1	14	4	225	36	.....	336	60	1	43	800	Wortendyke, ..	
Second, Lodi.....	Vacant.....	30	2	.....	5	.....	63	4	.....	90	79	1	80	2,225	Lodi, ..
North, Passaic.....	Asker Anderson.....	106	22	12	10	1	166	11	10	75	225	1	1,584 92	4,526	Passaic, ..		
Nyack.....	Wm. H. Clark (s. c.).....	170	11	16	9	.....	340	9	3	155	283	1	1,360 67	4,701 40	Nyack, N. Y.	
Paramus.....	John C. Van Deventer.....	110	6	1	1	.....	200	2	.....	130	86	1	392	1,596 17	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack.....	Edward Lodewick.....	86	5	1	1	.....	131	1	2	108	150	1	77 13	1,418 50	Park Ridge, ..	
Piermont.....	William C. Stitt.....	50	3	1	8	.....	94	5	1	40	60	1	250 73	2,074 34	Piermont, N. Y.	
Ramapo.....	William W. Letson.....	54	24	1	.....	.....	69	.....	7	34	40	1	32	690	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramseys.....	William W. Letson.....	18	5	2	.....	1	34	3	.....	34	40	1	8 50	204	Ramseys, ..
Ridgewood.....	John A. Van Neste.....	57	4	4	1	.....	*78	6	.....	42	40	1	73 50	1,506 90	Ridgewood, N. Y.
Saddle River.....	William E. Bogardus.....	55	2	.....	.....	.....	95	2	.....	50	60	1	68 75	308 32	Monsey, ..
Second, Totowa.....	John H. Duryea +.....	140	13	7	6	.....	276	15	3	161	168	1	637 27	5,395 78	Paterson, N. J.	
Spring Valley.....	Peter H. Milliken.....	+90	5	3	3	.....	114	6	.....	1	63	40	105 55	1,971 12	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan.....	Cornelius E. Crispell.....	100	45	5	5	185	14	22	60	75	1	276 02	1,403 41	Tappan, ..	
Warwick.....	William H. Williamson.....	100	.....	10	6	.....	3	140	1	.....	77 16	1	2,065 13	2,065 13	Warwick, ..
West New Hempstead.....	Vernon B. Carroll.....	37	2	.....	2	.....	67	1	1	23	.....	1	65 53	558 31	Monsey, ..
	Total.....	1914	206	91	93	7	60	3297	168	51	2565	2049	23	\$3,430 01	\$8,660 43		

Other Ministers.—Robert M. Offord, Asst. Editor N. Y. Observer, 31 Park Row, N. Y. City. *Revised list. †Last year's report. ‡Pastor Emeritus.
§ Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Boonton.....	Albert A. King.....	63	4	1	7	3	103	2	1	70	1	100	\$121 38	\$1,005 86	Boonton, Morris Co., N.J.		
Fairfield.....	James H. Owens.....	75	3	3	180	3	180	1	1	100	1	155	150 84	905 86	Fairfield, Essex Co., N.J.		
Franklin Furnace.....	Vacant.....	60	2	2	27	2	27	4	1	8	1	128	31 50	708 38	Franklin Furnace, Sussex Co., N.J.		
Little Falls.....	Philip Furbeck.....	86	1	2	128	2	128	2	50	101	1	114	41 63	2,245 82	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N.J.		
Montville.....	J. O. Van Fleet.....	60	1	2	4	2	148	49	545	247	1	350	90 92	1,264 18	Boonton, Morris Co., N.J.		
6th Paterson, Holland.....	H. R. Koopman.....	304	18	10	5	32	388	4	2	5	5	270	55 27	2,543 61	Paterson, Passaic Co., N.J.		
Pompton Plains.....	J. H. Whitehead.....	125	6	3	2	306	4	171	9	2	2	150	187 39	2,640	Pompton Plains, Mor		
Pompton.....	Vacant.....	60	29	1	2	70	2	70	7	130	1	110	35	1,290	Pompton, Bergen Co., N.J.		
Ponds.....	Vacant.....	54	3	1	2	104	10	10	59	3	2	110	115 81	1,170	Oakland, Bergen Co., N.J.		
Preakness.....	Vacant.....	57	3	2	2	104	10	10	59	3	2	110	115 81	1,170	Paterson, Passaic Co., N.J.		
First, Totowa.....	Julius S. Danner.....	190	5	6	4	1	242	4	3	130	1	408	1,481 50	3,065 47	Paterson, Passaic Co., N.J.		
Union Reformed.....	H. E. Nies.....	175	20	11	4	3	252	37	1	627	95	330	294 74	2,081 74	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N.J.		
Wyckoff.....	Samuel T. Searle (s. c.).....	90	6	2	3	5	116	7	115	30	1	82	100	1,045	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N.J.		
Total.....	Total.....	1399	107	38	34	4	57	2280	126	18	1454	773	20	2337	\$3,211 01	\$20,818 06	

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, County Supt. of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.; Jas. Denarest, Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis.; J. N. Jansen, Hackensack, Bergen Co., N. J.; A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J.; Jas. E. Bernart, Chester, Orange Co., N. Y.; I. S. Demund, Emeritus, Ridgewood, N. J.; Jonah Vaughan, Franklin Furnace, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Harlingen.....	Francis M. Kipp, Jr.....	*140	8	9	10	...	5 *282	16	...	...	...	...	3	900	\$158 73	\$1,678 32	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic.....	John Hart.....	160	13	10	13	...	284	10	...	...	...	75	44	336	386 61	860	Neshanic.
First, Philadelphia.....	Wm. R. Taylor.....	75	2	...	5	...	5 175	5	1	...	...	...	1	184	656 74	2,977 99	1224 Spring Garden st., Phila.
Blawenburg.....	Wm. B. Voorhees (S. C.).....	98	9	5	...	...	3 258	4	1	...	...	20	1	150	380	1,300	Blawenburg, N. J.
Addisville.....	Isaac Collier.....	85	6	...	6	...	1 165	...	...	...	...	...	3	130	63 90	1,344 40	Richboro, Pa.
Rocky Hill.....	Vacant.....	66	...	1	...	...	1 150	2	...	...	...	70	1	84	145 19	1,488 94	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth, Philadelphia.....	C. F. C. Suckow.....	153	16	...	...	...	1 *207	54	...	...	...	75	1	75	214	1,025	622 Oaks st., Philadelphia.
Clover Hill.....	M. N. Oliver.....	75	3	2	10	...	180	1	3	...	...	...	...	354	117 97	554 08	Clover Hill, N. J.
Three Bridges.....	Edward Birdsall.....	82	5	...	2	...	2 146	4	1	...	...	...	1	139	19 17	8,014 16	Three Bridges, "
Stanton.....	Nathaniel I. Rubinkam.....	200	21	11	9	...	7 524	10	11	...	...	100	2	700	56 55	1,106 35	Stanton, N. J.
Second, Philadelphia.....	Charles W. Fitcher.....	90	6	6	5	...	1 166	...	...	...	...	62	1	473	260 82	974 03	857 N. Broad st., Phila.
Third, Philadelphia.....	Vacant.....	35	1	...	2	...	6 *260	12	4	...	...	...	...	395	340 60	5,007 21	Manayunk, Pa.
Fourth, Philadelphia.....	Cornelius Schenck.....	*110	18	6	...	...	5 258	6	...	...	...	150	5	395	500 16	1,650	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
N. and Southampton.....	Samuel Streng.....	130	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	Total.....	1501	128	68	94	4	38 3078	131	39	325	592	26	3205	\$4,800 82	\$29,394 26		

Other Ministers.—A. R. Van Nest, "The Rutland," Broadway and 57th st., N. Y.; J. V. N. Tuhnage, Amoy, China; G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna st., Philadelphia; A. Stoll, Batapore, India.

*Revised list. †2 Union.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	N. Y.	
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.			Congregational Purposes.
First, Poughkeepsie.....	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.)	190	20	10	18	.....	426	8	10	.....	1	328	\$2,004 82	\$2,900 82	Poughkeepsie,	
Second, Poughkeepsie.....	J. Elmendorf	132	4	6	4	.....	244	5	3	.....	1	175	2,250 12	7,824 30	Fishkill,	
Fishkill.....	M. B. Thomas	81	4	3	.....	.....	182	.....	.....	.....	.....	*104	192 09	1,844 24	Fishkill,	
Hopewell.....	C. H. Polhemus	145	5	2	2	.....	257	1	4	.....	5	255	112 95	1,504 62	Hopewell Junction,	
New Hackensack.....	Henry Ward	100	2	1	4	.....	156	2	1	.....	40	250	312 50	1,369 72	New Hackensack,	
Hyde Park.....	Frank E. Kavanagh	60	.....	.....	5	.....	110	.....	.....	.....	1	40	28 39	2,074 02	Hyde Park,	
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	Charles W. Fritts	120	11	6	2	.....	250	2	2	.....	1	207	646 46	4,581 74	Fishkill-on-Hudson,	
Rhinebeck.....	L. Walter Lott	100	3	2	4	.....	198	.....	.....	.....	1	130	276 65	2,319 88	Rhinebeck,	
Glenham.....	W. W. Schomp	37	7	4	1	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	1	96	51 63	676 42	Glenham	
Cold Spring.....	J. W. Gowen	36	4	3	1	.....	60	8	5	.....	50	86	25	1,066 33	Cold Spring,	
Millbrook.....	J. Edward Lyall	75	3	.....	9	.....	104	6	2	.....	3	130	143 26	1,369 53	Millbrook,	
Total.....	Total.....	1076	68	33	49	31,204 7	34	27	110	21	1801	\$6,052 87	\$27,561 62			

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. G. R. Garretson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 34 Vesey St., New York; Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.

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CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First, Raritan	J. Preston Searle	200	6	19	10	11	11	492	9	1	1	200	1	275	\$1,001 72	\$4,140 13	Somerville, Somerset Co. N.J.
Readington	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	185	16	13	5	7	330	11	3	3	3	300	4	190	169	1,331	Readington, Hunt'don "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	106	9	2	5	2	257	5	2	87	2	138	30	225	773 81	1,418 60	Bedminster Somerset
Lebanon	William E. Davis	208	7	4	6	2	333	4	1	87	2	138	30	225	2,089 99	2,089 99	Lebanon, Hunterdon "
Rockaway	Vacant	95	1	13	1	1	198	13	1	85	40	200	117 43	85	1,290	1,290	White House, "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	126	7	13	20	1	6	196	10	1	1	40	4	85	349 74	1,229 26	N. Branch, Somerset
Second, Raritan	Edward G. Read	210	11	28	12	2	4	506	10	3	3	125	1	330	698 24	6,952 09	Somerville, "
Peapack	George W. Scarlett	115	6	1	14	9	9	170	6	3	3	226	1	120	110 50	1,449 63	Peapack, "
Branchville	Vacant	102	11	6	14	4	284	8	3	3	1	112	1	176	244 93	1,360 81	South Branch, " Pa.
Third, Raritan	Charles H. Pool	116	14	10	15	4	315	5	1	112	275	310	1	310	561 10	2,375 87	Easton, Northampton "
Easton	George M. S. Blauvelt	70	30	5	2	2	140	2	1	1	1	1	1	70	486 35	526 66	Pottersville, Union "
Plainfield, (German)	Vacant	30	7	2	7	2	48	11	1	1	1	1	1	35	16 47	979 93	Pottersville, Hunt'don "
Pottersville	Vacant	70	6	2	4	1	113	4	3	3	1	145	1	118	45 05	729 20	High Bridge, " N.J.
Artemas Dean	Vacant	75	12	8	4	1	100	6	3	3	1	105	1	105	95 53	353 95	Annandale, "
High Bridge	Vacant	13	12	3	12	1	151	3	1	3	4	105	1	105	95 53	353 95	Somerville, Somerset
Clinton Station	Vacant	35	13	.....	.....	.....	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	56	.....	.....	.....
4th, Raritan, (German)	Frederick E. Schlieder	1836	133	96	133	3	60	3680	111	22	652	925	22	2440	\$4,723 57	\$27,088 34	.....
	Total																

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; Rev. H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J.; Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; Rev. Robert Van Amburgh, Lebanon, N. J.; Rev. J. F. Mesick (s. c.), Blawenburgh, N. J.; Rev. B. T. Statesir, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. Gilbert Lane, South Branch, N. J.; Rev. C. H. Edgar, Easton, Pa.; Rev. William Bailey, Cedar Hill, Albany County, N. Y.

† Pastors elect. ‡ Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF RENSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	N. Y.		
			On Confession	Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.			Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Blooming Grove.....	Vacant.....	*55	12	12	1	1	12	12	1	1	95	5	5	50	50	88	\$67 96	\$1,270 22	Defreestville,	
Castleton.....	Alan D. Campbell.....	110	12	9	4	1	1	188	2	5	1	1	1	50	50	1	149	47 56	1,856 06	Castleton,
Chatham.....	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.....	115	5	5	6	4	165	3	3	2	2	40	30	50	50	216	425 69	1,700	Chatham.	
First, Ghent.....	John B. Drury.....	80	9	1	3	3	123	1	2	1	2	40	30	40	30	109	210	1,200	Ghent.	
Second, Ghent.....	Isaac S. Schenck.....	73	1	1	2	2	106	2	2	2	2	80	40	80	40	80	64	1,423	Stockport.	
Greenbush.....	John Steele.....	120	25	1	4	3	320	5	12	80	1	125	293 12	3,208 71	1,879 97	125	293 12	3,208 71	East Greenbush,	
Kinderhook.....	E. A. Collier, (s.c.).....	*165	12	5	3	10	307	5	4	130	80	1	152	1,783 84	3,208 71	152	1,783 84	3,208 71	Kinderhook,	
Nassau.....	J. Henry Bertholf.....	144	4	6	2	6	293	.....	.....	107	1	142	305 39	2,083 63	142	142	305 39	2,083 63	Nassau,
New Concord.....	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.....	30	4	1	40	10	10	1	36	7	400	36	36	7	400	400	New Concord,
Schodack.....	William Veenschoten.....	80	15	9	4	1	142	1	10	156	40	3	100	179 83	1,240	100	179 83	1,240	Muitzskill,	
Schodack Landing.....	H. A. Hendrickson.....	95	7	1	5	.....	174	3	5	116	90	1	157	302 55	1,315 65	157	302 55	1,315 65	Schodack Landing,
Stuyvesant.....	Elbert Nevius.....	70	7	.....	6	.....	78	1	3	42	1	119	296 87	778 21	119	119	296 87	778 21	Stuyvesant,
Stuyvesant Falls.....	Vacant.....	28	70	1	50	1	50	500	500	Stuyvesant Falls,
Total.....	Total.....	1165	113	37	40	32	2077	22	44	674	525	15	1523	1523	\$3,983 31	\$18,883 48		

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y., *retired*; Rev. J. S. N. Demarest, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. C. Fowler, Fargo, Dakota
suspended; Rev. W. H. McGuffert, Kingston, N. Y. *Revised.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Bogut	Geo. I. Taylor.	24	2			3	35	1	1			1	53	\$35 81	\$471 31	Cohoes, Albany Co. N. Y.		
Buskirk's	James L. Southard.	41	1			1	63	1	1	7		1	71	75	605	Buskirk's, Wash. Co.,		
Cohoes	J. Paschal Strong.	23	13	8	5		405	26	5			1		325	5,000	Cohoes, Albany Co.,		
Easton	A. G. Cochran, S. S.	20					20							10	125	Easton, Wash. Co.,		
Fort Miller	J. W. Chapman, S. S.	41	8	2		1	71		3			1	55	102	361	Fort Miller, Wash. Co.,		
Gansevoort	Geo. A. Mills, S. S.	30	4	1			24		2			1	63	39 01	321	50 Gansevoort.		
Northumberland	Geo. I. Taylor.	60	2	1	2	3	90	3	2			1	75	112 50	1,020	05 Northumberland.		
Rensselaer	Geo. I. Taylor.	12					10					1	35		340	Cohoes, Albany Co.,		
Saratoga	J. W. Chapman.	114	30	23	1	4	210	10	21		30	1	215	112 30	2,430	25 Schuylerville.		
Schlaghticoke	Edw. G. Ackerman.	44			1	1	66		2		36	1	65	26	772	48 Reynolds, Rens. Co.,		
Union Village	Theodore Shafer.	65	4	1	1		170	3	4			1	63	39 75	1,615	71 Greenwich, Wash. Co.,		
West Troy	John G. Lausug.	168	11	6	5		288		5	3		1	280	437 41	3,369	West Troy, Albany Co.,		
West Troy (South C.)	Selah W. Strong, (s. c)	175	15	12	1	3	269	13	3	150	33	1	335	851 86	2,948	60 West Troy, Albany Co.,		
Wynantskill	Ira Van Allen.	+82	8		2		105		5			1	110		1,500	Wynantskill, Rens. Co.		
Total	Total	1026	98	54	23	1	20	1717	64	49	193	300	13	1440	\$2,206 65	\$20,841 29		

Other Ministers.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, West Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, Detroit, Mich.
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CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.		On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First, Schenectady	William E. Griffis.	250	8	2	3	5	360	12	100	300	3	650	\$831 92	\$5,190 83	Schenectady, N. Y.				
Second, Schenectady	Peter E. Kipp.	155	11	7	4	4	280	12	6	1	1	205	192 78	1,925 62	Schenectady				
First, Glenville	William J. Hill	155	20	4	4	3	288	15	12	1	3	200	273 68	1,275 62	Glenville,				
Second, Glenville	D. K. Van Doren.	80	2	1	2	1	161	3	1	175	2	175	38 09	1,758 97	Scotia.				
First, Rotterdam	John C. Lowe.	64	2	1	1	1	120	3	3	19	1	114	111 84	700	Pattersonville,				
Second, Rotterdam	Lauren VanDerveer.	50	2	1	1	1	77	1	3	59	1	114	16 04	672 36	Schenectady.				
Helderberg.	S. L. Gamble, (s. c.).	215	5	3	3	3	467	4	1	47	4	317	213 27	1,623 80	Guilderland Centre.				
Niskayuna.	C. P. Ditmars.	*120	11	6	3	3	143	2	5	106	3	300	328 85	961 28	Niskayna.				
Lisha's Kill.	Edward A. McCullum.	90	3	3	1	5	130	2	5	120	3	210	89 75	1,623	Lisha's Kill.				
Amity	Benj. A. Bartholf.	85	12	1	5	4	243	5	9	70	1	150	99 68	1,047 50	Vischer's Ferry,				
Princeton.	J. Kelly Rhinehart.	85	17	5	5	4	243	5	9	75	1	145	159 55	1,131 75	Gifford,				
	Total.	1349	96	28	33	1	39,249	48	41	432	859	25	\$2,255 45	\$17,930 11					

Other Ministers—Rev. D. B. Hall, Duaneburg, Schenectady Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Beaverdam.....	Robert Doig.....	66	1	1	2	1	2	117	24	40	1	120	\$22 23	\$490	Berne, N. Y.		
Berne.....	Robert Doig, (s. c.).....	64	1	6	1	1	2	134	24	20	1	60	114 48	660	Berne.		
Breakhain.....	Edward Miller.....	35	1	1	1	1	2	66	18	18	1	80	3 58	200	North Blenheim,		
Central Bridge.....	Wm. D. Buckelew.....	20	1	4	1	1	1	16	1	30	1	30	3 35	50	Howe's Cave,		
Gallupville.....	J. Howard Van Doren.....	50	37	4	13	1	2	101	15	30	1	80	58 50	842	Gallopville,		
Gilboa.....	B. C. Miller.....	470	4	1	2	1	2	125	500	14	1	140	30	700	Gilboa.		
Lawyersville.....	William P. Davis.....	50	1	3	2	1	2	56	1	140	1	140	24	500	Lawyersville,		
Middleburgh.....	Elbert N. Sebring.....	90	2	3	1	1	3	139	2	1	1	140	110	1,176	Middleburgh,		
Moresville.....	Vacant.....	35	1	1	1	1	5	41	1	10	1	40	10 30	185	Moresville.		
North Blenheim.....	Edward Miller.....	72	2	3	2	2	99	1	2	30	1	40	14 36	929	North Blenheim,		
Prattsville.....	Norman F. Nickerson.....	72	2	3	2	2	4	126	13	1	1	94	90 06	1,179	Prattsville,		
Schoharie.....	Augustus F. Todd.....	65	17	1	4	1	4	91	1	16	1	80	13 46	500	Schoharie.		
Schoharie Mountain.....	Wm. D. Buckelew.....	50	2	2	3	1	3	120	4	1	1	109	83 50	816	Howe's Cave,		
Sharon.....	Andrew Parsons.....	50	3	1	4	1	3	120	4	1	1	109	83 50	100	Sharon Centre,		
South Gilboa.....	Vacant*.....	17	1	1	1	1	3	120	4	1	1	109	83 50	100	South Gilboa.		
Total.....	Total.....	728	78	23	98	1	32	1231	63	178	13	1093	\$577 82	\$8,329 32			

Other Ministers.—Rev. John S. Lott, 54 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., infirm in health; Rev. Thomas L. Shafer, East Maine, Broome Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. William H. Carr, 65 Myrtle Ave., Albany, N. Y.

*Supplied by Rev. B. C. Miller, †Supplied by Rev. L. E. Richards, of the Presbyterian Church of Stamford, N. Y., ‡Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Total of Baptized.		Number of Cate- chumens.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
									Infants.	Adults.							
Blue Mountain	Vacant	120	5	1	1	1	4	253	6	1	40	2	170	\$35	\$905	Saugerties, N. Y.	
Caatsban	Stephen Searle	75	7	5	4	1	6	118	4	1	121	1	79	497	22	Saugerties,	
Esopus	Eugene Hill	103	6	4	3	5	107	9	1	80	2	160	2	60	85	Ulster Park,	
Flatbush	A. A. Zabarskie	100	3	3	1	2	*180	3	5	340	5	340	5	170	1	Glasco,	
J. G. Van Slyke	J. G. Van Slyke	247	13	22	2	9	478	21	1	300	1	300	1	980	9,000	Kingston,	
Kingston	B. C. Lippincott	30	4	2	2	154	2	1	1	186	1	186	1	132	52	Port Ewen,	
Port Ewen	Vacant	137	3	3	10	6	245	7	3	188	3	188	3	117	64	Glasco,	
Plattekill	James F. King	73	7	99	6	99	99	99	1	60	1	60	1	2,905	65	Roxbury,	
Roxbury	Denis Wortman	195	3	11	2	4	298	175	125	1	175	1	205	1,070	2,905	Saugerties,	
Saugerties	Shandaken†	44	8	69	132	69	69	69	1	54	1	54	1	60	60	Shokan,	
Shandaken†	A. W. McGibbon	68	8	132	69	69	69	69	1	60	1	60	1	70	71	Shokan,	
Shokan†	A. W. McGibbon	20	2	1	2	6	41	41	2	80	2	80	2	115	71	West Hurley,	
Stewartville†	W. H. Van Doren	70	2	1	2	6	111	100	100	40	2	115	2	22	72	West Hurley,	
West Hurley	W. H. Van Doren	63	4	2	2	1	125	1	2	60	40	60	1	175	75	Woodstock,	
Woodstock	Wm. A. Wurts	46	3	2	2	2	84	84	2	27	27	27	1	119	72	Woodstock,	
Wiltwyck	Wm. A. Shaw, S.S.	1451	48	38	31	1	45	2494	60	14	383	385	26	2242	\$3,275	48	Kingston,
	Total																\$21,101 59

Others Ministers.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Alex. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Broadhead, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Meyers, Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. F. F. Wilson; Rev. N. F. Chapman, West Camp, N. Y.; Rev. J. N. Voorhis, (s. c.) Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. A. J. Beckman, Matteawan, N. J.

*Revised list.

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CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Bronxville.....	Vacant.....	45	8	1	6	1	1	88	7	3	21	70	1	75	\$769 63	\$1,471 11	Bronxville, N. Y.
Cortlandtown.....	Joseph A. Harper.....	80	1	1	1	1	1	85	5	5	1	40	2	125	116 88	911 72	Montrose, " N. Y.
Fordham.....	William Anderson.....	65	5	4	1	2	105	16	1	1	1	110	1	125	1,051 17	3,660 68	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburg.....	William E. Turner*.....	22	8	2	2	4	51	1	1	1	1	62	1	62	625	625	Elmsford, Westchester Co.
Greenville.....	Vacant.....	18	8	2	2	4	51	1	1	1	1	16	1	42	49 24	800	Scarsdale " N. Y.
Hastings-on-Hudson.....	Mattoon M. Curtis.....	70	21	7	2	1	111	3	12	1	1	155	1	155	175	1,000	Hastings-on-Hudson, " "
McBrose.....	John E. Lang.....	50	16	9	9	3	126	11	1	1	1	24	1	352	26	1,726 77	Elton A., cor. 156th St, N.Y.C
Mount Vernon.....	Chas. K. Clearwater(S. C.).....	150	13	18	9	1	302	12	2	130	178	1	309	1	879 48	5,173 18	Mount Vernon, N. Y.
Peekskill.....	Henry De Vries.....	35	9	1	1	1	118	1	5	1	86	1	86	1	18 29	870 90	Peekskill, " "
Tarrytown, First.....	John K. Allen.....	102	2	3	2	4	250	2	2	1	56	1	120	1	634 34	3,788 18	Tarrytown, " "
Tarrytown, Second.....	John A. Todd.....	100	10	5	8	7	334	6	1	1	130	1	130	1	735 86	3,005 38	Tarrytown, " "
Unionville.....	Vacant.....	59	20	2	6	2	85	1	1	1	90	1	90	1	40 41	.....	Neperan, " "
West Farms.....	James Bolton *.....	26	12	12	8	7	47	21	3	110	181	1	212	1	862 73	125 Woodruff St., N. Y. City.	
Yonkers.....	David Cole.....	150	12	12	8	7	457	21	3	110	181	1	212	1	1,073 44	5,875 83	Yonkers, N. Y.
	Total.....	1001	105	53	46	33	2075	69	29	261	754	15	3088		\$5,469 74	\$29,771 48	

Other Ministers.—Rev. William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. Wm. W. Rand, American Tract Society, 130 Nassau St., New York; Rev. Howard Harris, Missionary, Japan; Rev. George A. Ries, Rev. Alexander Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y.; Rev. Edward J. Runk, New York; Rev. A. Messier Quick, 56 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. S. Moore, Yonkers, N. Y.

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†Revised Roll.

*Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Total of Baptized.	Adults.	No. of S. Schools.	Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Alto.....	J. F. Zwener.....	118	10	2	3	11	176	17	2	333	2	187	1	\$761 81	\$1,176 22	Waupun, Wis.
Bethlehem.....	Vacant.....	15					33	2				30		50	51	Dillman's Station, Wis.
Cedar Grove.....	A. Wormser.....	37	11	10	1	5	240	26		354		165	1	328 19	1,131 31	Cedar Grove, Wis. [Ill]
Chicago.....	Bernardus De Bey.....	213	30	12	13	8	449	54	2	740	2	205	1	1,392 19	4,088 67	114 W. Harrison St., Chicago
Danforth*.....	Vacant.....	32					51					40	1	40		Danforth, Ill.
Elenczer.....	L. Watermuelder.....	60	2			1	65	19				26	1	100	1,250	Oregon, Ogle Co., Ill.
Forreston.....	J. Blackgen.....	25				3	35	14				15	1	66 18	591 15	Forreston, Ill.
Franklin.....	Vacant.....	16	2	1		1	35	1		76		23		68	96	Howard Prairie, Mil. Co., Wis.
Fulton.....	Harm Van der Boeg.....	138	17	8	7	2	143	30	1	500	255	155	1	476	1,042 70	Fulton, Ill.
Gibbsville.....	John W. Dinnewold.....	98	7	9	9	2	222	20		278	150	190	1	355	893	Gibbsville, Wis.
Greenleafton.....	J. P. de Jong.....	65	2	6	1	1	122	10		198	91	1	70	169 59	925 35	Greenleafton, Minn.
1st Holland, Neb.....	John Huizinga.....	145	13	4	1	2	235	33	1			100	2	302 50	1,422	Holland, Lancaster Co., Neb
2d Holland, Neb.....	Vacant.....															
Lansing.....	W. Luback.....	20	2	7	4	1	40	5		84		43		10 50	300	Lansing, Ill.
Milwaukee.....	Vacant.....	98	22	10	12	8	239	12		300	175	1	225	674 50	1,596 25	673 10th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
New Amsterdam.....	Vacant.....															New Amsterdam, Wis.
Oostburg.....	John H. Karsten, (s. c).....	34	2	1	4	2	75	2		125		84	1	209 90	623	Oostburg, Wis.
Peoria.....	John Muller.....	55	23	1	4	2	53	15		180	34	1	275	39 50	1,572 15	Peoria Ill.
Roseland.....	Cornelius Krickard.....	146	23	9	22	2	279	49		550	175	1	300	934 03	2,174 63	Roseland, Ill.
Shelbygan Falls.....	Vacant.....	19	3	4			38	2		32	36	70	2	565	565	Shelbygan Falls, Wis.
Silver Creek.....	H. Matzke.....	130	7	3		3	138	26				2	150	761 38	1,266 85	Baileysville, Ogle Co., Ill.
South Holland.....	Wm. Moerdyke.....	85	3	4		1	167	13		236	147	1	125	633	988	Dolton, Cook County, Ill.
Total.....	Total.....	1640	173	85	100	5	54	2855	350	6	3916	2084	18	\$7,413 27	\$22,053 28	

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CLASSES.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.	C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.	
	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Received on					Total in Com- munion.		No of S. Schools.			Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
					Confession.	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.			Number of Cate- chumens.	Total Enrollment.						
Classis of Albany.....	17	17	...	1662	91	65	52	2	50	2938	71	21	114	55	31	2886	\$10,496	\$32,468	Rev. J. L. Pearce.
Classis of Aroost.	23	11	2	1380	100	111	141	17	33	1642	183	63	1289	1143	81	2963	369	563	John H. Wyckoff
Classis of Bergen.....	17	18	...	1121	102	70	24	1	29	2385	364	27	165	1148	20	3839	3,760	98,597	P. V. Van Buskirk
South Classis of Bergen.....	13	13	...	1333	367	81	44	1	35	2227	215	18	926	1566	15	3144	4,791	41,803	William R. Duryee
Classis of Cayuga.....	12	9	...	740	51	19	11	...	11	1170	18	7	...	275	11	1143	2,792	55,683	C. O. Thatcher
Classis of Cayuga.....	15	16	...	1082	72	76	45	1	37	1901	94	10	926	1538	12	1451	1,753	15,669	J. Whitbeck
Classis of Grand River.....	15	12	...	1692	185	143	50	3	28	2310	360	3	4066	4084	11	2217	6,938	21,608	Chr. Vander Veen
Classis of Greene.....	17	8	4	735	44	19	31	2	24	1408	37	18	456	277	12	1056	2,166	12,344	Benj. Van Zandt
Classis of Holland.....	19	11	...	934	84	108	67	3	28	1642	213	2	2008	1335	15	1827	4,060	12,167	N. M. Steffens
Classis of Hudson.....	10	10	...	1096	71	47	40	1	37	1891	55	29	196	318	15	1542	3,464	16,010	T. S. Dunsinberre
Classis of Illinois.....	28	23	...	1662	220	158	140	1	25	3341	283	20	2369	1373	31	3255	3,083	21,208	J. F. Harris
Classis of Kingston.....	14	15	...	1401	60	34	44	1	40	3320	85	15	1129	545	28	2277	1,925	16,080	W. H. Ten Eyck
N. Classis of Long Island.....	21	20	1	2359	140	95	89	1	61	4191	251	10	367	982	29	7153	5,108	58,222	R. G. Strong
S. Classis of Long Island.....	17	25	...	1844	222	123	125	...	61	3835	290	54	1899	1833	25	6199	24,787	67,912	J. W. Beardslee
Classis of Michigan.....	9	10	...	470	79	31	27	1	21	842	45	25	470	110	13	1569	808	10,171	Theo. W. Wells
Classis of Monmouth.....	10	13	...	749	67	32	25	2	20	1420	40	30	615	328	15	1282	2,956	18,332	A. J. Hageman
Classis of Montgomery.....	23	17	...	1845	112	53	41	2	49	3069	163	39	187	431	28	2239	7,454	19,498	Henry Velslage
Classis of Newark.....	14	15	...	1458	139	155	78	1	45	2507	58	69	1053	895	22	1924	52,417	75,533	E. T. Corwin
Classis of New Brunswick.....	20	23	3	1211	184	68	92	2	97	6825	298	62	1098	400	26	9075	3,719	31,888	A. Thompson
Classis of New York.....	22	41	1	2801	466	190	182	2	68	3241	36	51	163	582	29	2770	8,693	53,430	Win. H. Clark
Classis of Orange.....	23	21	...	1737	119	93	81	3	68	3247	168	51	2565	2049	33	3430	3,211	20,818	S. T. Seale
Classis of Paramus.....	23	21	...	1914	206	91	93	3	60	3297	168	51	1454	773	20	3337	4,800	29,204	Win. B. Voorhees
Classis of Passaic.....	13	16	...	1399	107	38	34	4	57	2290	126	18	395	592	26	3205	27,501	57,062	A. P. Van Gieson
Classis of Philadelphia.....	14	16	...	1501	128	68	94	4	38	3078	131	39	385	512	22	1801	4,723	27,688	J. F. Mesick
Classis of Poughkeepsie.....	14	17	...	1706	68	33	49	...	31	2047	34	27	632	925	22	2440	3,983	18,883	E. W. Collier
Classis of Raritan.....	16	20	...	1836	133	96	133	3	60	3689	111	22	44	674	25	1410	2,906	20,841	S. W. Strong
Classis of Rensselaer.....	13	14	...	1165	113	37	40	...	32	2047	64	49	103	304	13	1410	2,906	17,920	S. L. Gamble
Classis of Saratoga.....	14	11	...	1036	98	54	23	1	20	1711	41	41	482	850	25	2346	2,955	8,229	Robert Doig
Classis of Schoenectady.....	11	13	...	1340	96	28	32	1	39	2491	48	41	63	178	13	1043	577	21,101	J. N. Voorhis
Classis of Schenectady.....	15	13	...	728	78	23	28	1	32	1231	17	42	383	383	16	2242	3,275	21,101	J. N. Voorhis
Classis of Ulster.....	15	20	...	1451	48	38	31	1	45	2434	60	14	261	754	15	2088	5,469	29,271	C. K. Clearwater
Classis of Westchester.....	14	20	...	1001	105	53	46	...	33	2075	69	29	261	754	15	2088	5,469	29,271	C. K. Clearwater
Classis of Wisconsin.....	22	15	...	1640	173	85	100	5	54	2855	350	6	3916	2084	18	2380	7,463	21,988	J. H. Karsten
Total.....	33	549	11	45398	4388	2115	2142	80	1951	81880	1337	1084	30456	30633	716	40308	\$220,383	\$328,190	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following Report which was accepted and adopted :

“ Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would report that they have examined the Minutes of the General and Particular Synods, and find in them nothing requiring the attention of this body, excepting certain papers from the Particular Synod of Chicago, which have already been referred to the appropriate committees.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. JORALMON,
GEO. SEIBERT,
HENRY E. DOSKER,
JAMES A. SEWARD,
ABRAHAM J. LANSING.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following Report :

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully report :

1. That your Committee have had referred to them a resolution of the Classis of New York, asking that a dispensation from study in our own Theological Seminary be granted to Daniel Hoffman Martin, permitting him to appear before the said Classis to be examined for licensure. The Classis states that Mr. Hoffman has pursued a full theological course of study elsewhere, and that circumstances did not permit him to pursue said course at New Brunswick.

Resolved, That the request of the Classis of New York be granted.

2. Your Committee have had referred to them a communication from the Classis of Wisconsin, asking that they be allowed to examine young men for licensure upon the presentation by them of Professorial certificates from Professors in the Presbyterian Church. A young man is now waiting for your decision. The communication states that since the suspension of theology at Hope College, some of their young

men have gone to the Northwestern Presbyterian Seminary, at Chicago, of which the applicant above referred to is one.

Resolved, That the General Synod has no right to grant said request, it being contrary to the Constitution of our Church, *Art. 1, §2*.

3. Your Committee have had referred to them a communication from the Classis of Bergen, asking that the column in the Statistical Tables, relating to baptized non-communicants be abolished, because it is impossible to secure accurate information, or uniformity of action on this subject. But it is only a few years since this column was introduced. Whatever different members may think of the wisdom or folly of the measure, your Committee believe that since it has been adopted it should have a fair trial. Time has not yet been given to ascertain its value. Therefore the following action is proposed :

Resolved, That the column in the Statistical Tables relating to baptized non-communicants be allowed to stand, and have a fair trial as to its worth.

4. Communications have been received from several Classes concerning the action of the last Synod upon certain notes and references appended to the Baptismal Form, and certain privileges relating to the alternative use of certain parts of certain Forms upon receiving adults into the Church, as found on page 302 of the Minutes of 1883. Of these communications, one from the Classis of Ulster (not signed), regrets the re-opening of this subject. On the other hand the Classis of Montgomery desires the whole matter to be quashed, while the Classes of Paramus, Monmouth, Bergen, New York, Michigan and Geneva request that a part or all of said action of the last Synod be either repealed or submitted to the Classes, as constitutional amendments, for their adoption or rejection.

Your Committee do not think it necessary to argue again the several points involved. This was sufficiently done in the Synod of 1883, and the subject is familiar to the minds of the brethren. No doubt there is ambiguity in the expression, "All the articles of the Christian Religion," which sometimes seems to be limited to the Apostles' Creed, and sometimes to include all the standards. It is certainly prudent, in view of the request of at least six Classes, to make sure of constitutional correctness in this matter.

Your Committee therefore proposes the following amendment to the Constitution :

1. That a mark of reference be inserted after the word "good," in the second question of the Form of baptism for adult persons, referring to the following foot note :

"Only those works which proceed from a true faith, and are performed according to the Law of God, and to His glory, are good," *Heid. Cat. Quest.* 91.

Resolved, That the General Synod recommends the above to the respective Classes as an amendment to the Constitution, in order that they may adopt or reject the same, and report the result to the General Synod.

2. That a mark of reference be inserted after the word "church," in the fourth question of the Form of baptism for adult baptism, referring to the following explanatory note, to wit :

"The articles spoken of are the Articles of the Apostles Creed, *Heid. Cat. Quest.* 22; and the obligatory Form for the administration of the Lord's Supper, and the unadopted Form, (*Minutes*, 1878, p. 105,) for the public reception into full communion of those who are baptized in infancy."

Resolved, That the General Synod recommends the above to the respective Classes as an amendment to the Constitution, in order that they may adopt or reject the same, and report the result to the General Synod.

Your Committee have had referred to them a memorial on the subject of Free Masonry. Your Committee suggests the following :

Resolved, That we heartily commend the sincerity and earnestness of the brethren of the Classis of Wisconsin, who have addressed to General Synod a memorial on the subject of oath-bound secret societies. Their unflagging zeal in this direction is a shining example to us all in other departments of christian activity.

Your Committee having examined the deliverances of General Synod on previous memorials of a like nature feel unable to add anything further, and General Synod has no other or further deliverances to make.

Your Committee have had referred to them a communication from the delegates on the floor of Synod (five in number), from the Classis of Wisconsin, on behalf of two young men,

viz : Fred. Jas. Zwemer and Reme H. Joldesma, asking for dispensations from the requirement of Professorial certificates from our own Theological Professors. The communication states that both these young men have completed a full collegiate course at Hope College, and Mr. Joldesma has completed a full Theological course at the Chicago Presbyterian Seminary, and has Professorial certificates therefrom; Mr. Zwemer expects to finish his Theological course in another year, at the same Seminary. This communication and recommendation is not in regular form from a regularly convened session of Classis; it does not seem to come, therefore, under the constitutional requirement in this respect. The members of the Committee are disposed, however, to act generously toward these young men. They recognize the difficulties in their way on account of the distance from New Brunswick.

Resolved, That in these peculiar cases, the Classis of Wisconsin be allowed to proceed with said examination for licensure of the said young men.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. CORWIN, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

A communication was received from James Anderson, M.D., asking that the Committee on Church Laws, of which he is Chairman, be discharged. The request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was requested to convey to Dr. Anderson the thanks of the Synod, for his efforts towards securing legislation relating directly in the interests of the Church.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the General Synod recommend to the churches that the third Sabbath in May be observed as "Children's Day."

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Fifty-second Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, together with the Treasurer's Annual Report, and referred to the Committee on Education, the part relating to vacancies being referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Education presented the following Report which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Education would respectfully report that they have had referred to them the Report of the Board of Education, and resolutions of the Classis of Illinois, together with a communication from the Board of Trustees of the Northwestern Classical Academy, and certain explanatory papers relating to said Academy.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

From this Board we learn that it has had under its care 44 students. Where they are the Report informs us, to which we refer for further information.

The Report gives interesting statements concerning Hope College, and refers us to the Report of said College for further information. Towards the support of the College, it has appropriated, during the past year, twenty-five hundred dollars.

The Board has aided five churches from the Parochial School Fund.

The two Classical Academies are prospering. The number of the pupils in the one at Hoboken, N. J., is 105 ; of the one at Orange City, Iowa, we shall speak in another place.

The Treasurer's report informs us that the decrease of the debt of the Board, during the year is \$1,000 ; the debt of the

Board, May 1st, 1884, is as stated, \$5,165.50, subject to interest on \$2,500.

The paucity of students for the ministry is a subject of the special attention of the Board. Of it the Report says : " The fact is apparent that the number of students under the care of the Board is smaller than for several years; and the same is true of those who do not receive such aid. It obtains both in our Eastern and Western Institutions. Your Board can discuss neither the cause nor the cure of this grave and deplorable matter. With so many workmen annually retired by disability, or transferred by death to higher service, and with fields open to the entrance of our Church, larger than ever in our history, white to the harvest and calling with beseeching cry for men of God to come and gather, this growing fewness of students must awaken very anxious thought in every one who loves Christ and His cause.

" The Lord of Zion, indeed, lives and reigns head over all things to his Church. In His hand are all hearts to be turned whithersoever He will, as the rivers of water are turned. But is there no human instrumentality to be used ? Must the Church of Christ sit still with folded hands, and simply utter vain lamentations that her youthful recruits do not give themselves to leadership in the Sacramental Host ? Does the pulpit utter a clear ringing voice, affectionately urging the claims of Christ and His Church upon the young men for the work of preaching the glorious Gospel ? Do teachers in Sabbath Schools and Bible classes present this momentous matter to the conscience of Christian youth ? Do Christian parents consult with their sons in reference to it ? Is there as much prayer as in former days, and as there ought to be in these days ? Does it come closely home to the conscience and heart of Christian people ? A Christian Elder on his dying bed once said to a member of this Board, in response to congratulations on the entrance of a son into the ministry, ' Yes, I am thankful, his mother and I gave him to God for this work, and have followed him all these years with our tearful supplications, and now we give thanks unto God who has heard our prayers.' Is there enough of this spirit of consecration and prayer ? Can the Synod so utter its voice as to reach the hearts of Christian youth and Christian fathers and mothers, and have its utterances distributed with this Report in ten thousand families in

our Church? May not something thus be done to replenish, and more than replenish, the vacant places in the roll of Ambassadors for Christ?"

As your Committee read this, the inquiries arise, *where* shall we find the men, and *how* shall we find them?

In view of these questions we offer the following:

Resolved, 1st. That while it is the prerogative of the Lord to *call* laborers, it is the *duty* of the Church to co-operate with God *in this call*, and to *find*, prepare, and send forth, the divinely called. The Great Commission implies this duty. The charge is to the ministry to do it *aut per se aut per alios*, *primarily*, to the ministry; *virtually*, to all the members of the Church.

Resolved, 2d. That to *find* the men we are to look *principally* to the *young men* and *children* of our Church; to the hearthstone of *our own Christian families*.

Resolved, 3d. That in order to *find the men*, we are to seek carefully for those, first, who have the *needed primary qualifications*, viz: PHYSICAL CONSTITUTIONS capable of undergoing the necessary work of preparation for the service and of sustaining the burdens, making good the wear and performing the functions of the office; MENTAL CONSTITUTIONS adapted to, and capable of being prepared for, and doing the work. Secondly, who have the *graciously acquired qualifications*, or the *internal call* to the Gospel ministry. *A new heart, a strong desire to serve Christ in the Gospel ministry, a set purpose of heart*, evidenced by corresponding efforts to obtain all the *advanced qualifications needed*.

Resolved, 4th. That the Lord by His providence is calling upon the ministry and the whole co-operating Church to labor more earnestly to *get for or to secure to* our young men and children the *qualifications needed*. This requires *proper attention to hygienic or sanitary living* and to the *teachings of physiology*; the *early and devout consecration* of our children to this work in the closet, the family, the Church, *habitual earnest prayer, pleading* of the promises, pleadings that are *wrestlings, christian training* from the dawn of intellectual activity, continually in season and out of season. *The presentation* to the minds of our children of the *great motives* to the ministry, such as its superior *temporal* rewards, its *dignity* surpassing all other callings, its inexpressible and inconceivable *future* rewards,

the bearings of preaching the Gospel upon the salvation of sinners *lost*, the lack of laborers, and the glory of the Blessed Saviour concerned in this work.

Resolved, 5th. That the Church should give to all those who are found qualified *the outward formal call*.

This call is usually given by particular Brotherhoods, each for itself. No one doubts of the propriety of such a course. But what shall we say in regard to the work of associated Brotherhoods, in view of the wide fields yet unoccupied but under their special care?

If to our Board of Foreign Missions is committed the care and oversight of our Church work abroad, and to our Domestic Board is committed the care and oversight of the destitute of our own land, should not the work of the *formal calling* of men for these specific fields of labor be also definitely committed to those Boards? Should it not be the clearly recognized duty of these Boards to present *the formal calls* in behalf of such fields? Should we *await* the providential *uprisings* and *offers* of men, in order to call and send them forth?

The Reformed Church has done and is doing much for the education of young men for the ministry *when found*. It has its specific organization for this work. But is not the work required for *finding the men* left without any organization, without any *SYSTEM of operation*? Is it not left without the guiding hand of any man or men associated? Left without any one in particular to *define* it, to press its *responsibilities* and to *urge its motives*? Who is there that is spending strength and is endeavoring to rally the host to this great work? In view of these considerations we offer the following:

Resolved, 6th. That the attention of the Board of Education be directed specifically to the important duty of *finding the men for the ministry*, and be urged to adopt and carry out some *system of operation* adapted to secure under the ordinary modes of the divine favors, more laborers.

Resolved, 7th. That this whole subject be commended to the whole Church, as one for special, continuous, earnest prayer in the closet, family, and all gatherings of the Lord's people.

Resolved, 8th. That "the increasing importance of assistance to our Educational Institutions, as presented by the Board, be commended especially to those of our Church to

whom God has given of the abundance of earthly possessions.”

Two of the students under the care of the Board on the Van Benschoten Fund have graduated. We would therefore recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Education have authority to place on the Van Benschoten Fund, such number of students as may be found advisable upon consultation with the Treasurer of the Fund.

Your Committee learn with deep sorrow of the personal affliction of Rev. Dr. See, and beg leave to speak with tender fraternal sympathy concerning the serious illness of the venerable Secretary of the Board, who has served the Church in this capacity for nearly twenty-three years. They have considered carefully what the Church should do in his behalf. As from the nature of his illness it is probable that it will be protracted, they have concluded to recommend the following :

Resolved, 1st. That the Board of Education be directed to pay his salary for six months, from 1st of May last; and that it be left to the discretion of the Board what further action to take at the expiration of that time.

2d. That the united prayers of the Church be continued on his behalf, that his health may be speedily restored, and that his family may be sustained under their severe trial.

THE NORTHWESTERN CLASSICAL ACADEMY.

The present prosperity and prospective growth of this Institution at Orange City, Iowa, give cause for rejoicing.

Your Committee fully realize the importance of the position which this school of learning occupies, standing, as it does, in the midst of a people loyal to our Church, and being the educational centre of a region now newly settled but destined soon to be a power in its religious, intellectual, and material developments.

Your Committee cannot but admire in the people of Iowa and Dakota that thirst for knowledge, of which this Academy at Orange City is the evidence. They commend the zeal of its founders and patrons and hold their conduct up as an example for emulation.

The present status of the institution shows them

1. To be in possession of a building.

2. They have as instructors a Principal and an assistant Teacher.

3. They have twenty-five pupils, five of whom are girls.

4. They have been receiving hitherto, from the Board of Education, aid in the sum of six hundred dollars per annum.

5. They are declared, in the resolutions of the Classis of Illinois, to be "in successful operation."

For their future uses they ask

1. From the Board of Education an increase of their appropriation from \$600 to \$2,000 per annum.

2. Another teacher in addition to the two already employed.

3. The appointment, at the hands of Synod, of a financial agent, whose business it shall be to solicit from the churches at large an Endowment Fund.

To all of which your Committee recommend :

1. That Synod refer the Northwestern Academy and its needs to the Board of Education, with instructions to devote to the uses of the Academy, such a sum as they, in their wisdom, may deem necessary and consistent with the other demands upon the Board.

2. That in regard to the addition of another teacher, as also to the appointment of a financial agent, your Committee believe that these are questions which none are so well able to decide upon as the acting Board of Trustees, who have the interests of the Academy in charge, and

3. That the whole matter of such appointment and enlargement be referred to them, *provided*

That their action, both in the matter of the appointment and in the salary of the financial agent shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Education.

In fine, your Committee hold that in all these matters the true principle is that of local self help, and, in so far as may be, self-administration. And, while recommending that our infant school of learning in the far West receive from Synod the kindest interest and all needed fostering care, your Committee, through Synod, would still urge upon the local patrons and authorities of the *Northwestern Classical Academy*, a self-relying sense of the responsibilities which rest, in the nature of the case, most of all on them.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. CRISPELL,
JOHN HUTCHINS,
J. G. LANSING,
JOHN W. FERDON,
A. W. GIVIN.

The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Education be directed to report annually the names and amount of scholarships, for the education of pious young men preparing for the Ministry and in their charge.

Resolved, That on the Sabbath preceding the stated day of prayer for colleges, the last Thursday in January, all of our Pastors preach upon the subject of religious education in the family, in view of the increase of the Ministry.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board :

Rev. P. M. Doolittle,	Mr. R. N. Perlee,
“ Joachim Elmendorf, DD.	“ William Spader,
“ George J. Van Neste,	“ William Robb,
“ John Steele, D.D.	Hon. John De Mott.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Council of Hope College was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate :

Eighteenth Annual Report of the Council of Hope College, at Holland, Michigan. Adopted May 1, 1884.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Council of Hope College hereby respectfully submits its Eighteenth Annual Report of the Institution, adopted May 1, 1884 :

I.—MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

Council met in regular session June 26, 1883, when the following officers were elected :

President, Rev. N. M. Steffens : *Vice President*, Rev. J.

W. Beardslee ; *Secretary*, Rev. P. Moerdyke ; *Treasurer*, Mr. I. Cappon ; *Executive Committee*, Revs. N. M. Steffens, D. Broek, P. Lepeltak, and Elder I. Cappon.

Council met April 30, 1884, in regular session, with eleven members in attendance, and adjourned on the 2d of May.

II.—PRESIDENT.

In accordance with the action of the last General Synod, page 330, a special meeting of Council was held May 27, 1884, for the election of a President, when the Rev. John A. De Baun, D.D. was chosen, subject to the confirmation of this Synod.

III.—STUDENTS.

The number of students in the Academic Department has been as follows: Seniors, 2; Juniors, 7; Sophomores, 7; Freshmen, 9—Total 25. Of these, four are young ladies. All are now in attendance except one, Mr. R. Bloemendaal, who left on account of health, and is at present engaged in teaching.

In the Preparatory Department, the record is : “ A ” class, 14 ; “ B ” class, 17 ; “ C ” class, 31 ; “ D ” class, 36 ; unclassified, 4 ; total 102 ; But there have been 21 others in the school, who left before the opening of the September term. Thus, dating from April, 1883, there have been in attendance in all, 148 students, in both departments. Of the 102 in the Grammar School, 27 are young ladies. Faithful application to their studies has marked the several classes ; and their deportment has been good, no case of regular discipline having occurred.

The examinations of the undergraduates, in the Academic Department, were conducted according to a plan adopted by Council; and the several classes advanced in course, one being conditioned in the Freshmen class.

The examinations of the members of the Grammar School Department were also attended to with gratifying results. Certificates of full course were granted to seven of the graduating “ A ” class ; of full *elective* course to three, and to others, certificates for such studies as each had pursued. The examinations of the other classes, with a few exceptions, were sustained, and the classes advanced in course.

The Annual Commencement was held in Hope Church, June 27, 1883. In the absence of the President, on account

of sickness, Prof. T. Romeyn Beek presided, by resolution of Council. The degree of A. B. was conferred upon the graduating class, viz: Evert J. Blekkink, Jacob Dyk, Henry Hulst, Tametse Matsda, Albert Oltmans, John A. Otte, Dirk Scholten, and Evert W. Stapelkamp, who all received diplomas.

The degree of A. M. was conferred in course upon W. G. Bass, Jacob P. de Jong, B. J. de Vries, A. H. Huizinga, Abr. Stegeman, A. H. Strabbing, Jacob Van Zanten, and Fred. A. Zwemer.

IV.—LIBRARY.

Additions to the library have been as follows: Bound Books, 310; Pamphlets, 143; Minutes and Reports, 26; School Catalogues, &c., 81; Weekly Periodicals, 455; Monthly and Quarterly do., 550. Of the above bound books 278, and of the unbound publications, 637 were the gift of John Van Nest, Esq., of New York City. Hon. G. W. Webber, M. C., sent valuable publications, among which were Powell's Geological Survey of the Territories and 4 vols. of the U. S. census. The Governor of Wisconsin has donated a copy of the Geological Survey of that State in 4 vols., with maps. Prof. C. Doebberg continues the file of the *Scientific American* and other papers. The *Christian Intelligencer* has added many Monthlies and Quarterlies for the Reading Room. Samuel B. Shiefelin, Esq., has again kindly remembered the wants of the Reading Room, by subscribing for four weeklies in the name of the Institution. The Council gratefully accepts the above mentioned publications, expresses its sincere thanks to the several donors, and would renewedly recommend the needs of the library to the friends of the Institution.

The whole number of volumes in the library is now 6,235. We are sorely pressed for room, in order properly to arrange the books. Some temporary arrangements, different from the present, are contemplated by Council.

V.—DE HOPE.

The special contract entered into two years ago for the publication of "De Hope," expires the 1st of July, next. Council will make suitable arrangements for the continued publication of the paper, such as in its judgment will serve all the interests involved.

VI.—FINANCES.

We are happy to report to General Synod that the salaries of the Professors have been promptly paid, and the contingent expenses of the Institution have been fully met during the year now closing, without contracting any debts. The vested funds, however, are not materially increased. The following is the condition of the Treasury :

CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April, 1883.....	\$0 03
Interest from the Board of Direction.....	1,608 80
“ “ Permanent Fund.....	1,297 05
“ “ Alumni Notes.....	88
“ “ Ebenezer Fund.....	770
Students' Fees.....	1,499 60
Appropriations from the Board of Education.....	2,500
Donations from Churches.....	965 36
“ “ Individuals.....	990 40
Rents from Real Estate.....	150 30
Miscellaneous.....	13 65
Total.....	<u>\$9,883 19</u>

EXPENSES.

Salaries of the Professors and Teachers.....	\$7,341 40
Services of the Janitor.....	275
Expenses of the Council.....	173 08
“ “ Treasury.....	105 66
Fuel and Light.....	102 80
School Requisites.....	80 48
“ Furniture.....	15 90
Printing, viz: Catalogues, Forms, &c.....	56
Buildings and Grounds.....	299 91
Taxes, including Street Tax.....	291 38
Interest to Board of Benevolence.....	70
Commencement Expenses.....	39 54
Sundries.....	41 05
Salary of Dr. G. H. Mandeville, agent in 1882-3...	635
Expense of other Agencies.....	83 85
Balance on hand April, 1884.....	272 14
Total.....	<u>\$9,883 19</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April, 1883.....	\$547
In payment of a Mortgage.....	252 50
“ of Charter Endowment Notes.....	675
“ of Notes to “ Alumni Fund ”.....	150
“ of Contracts on two Lots.....	69 90
Donation from First Refd Church of Grand Haven.	10 55
Mr. Ames per Mr. Peter Clement.....	52 74
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Total.....	\$1,769 14

EXPENSES.

Directly loaned by authority of the Council.....	\$202 50
Paid to the Investment Committee and safely loaned	1.487 70
Balance on hand April, 1884.....	78 94
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Total.....	\$1,769 14

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April, 1883.....	\$54 31
Interest received on this Account.....	90
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Total.....	\$144 31

EXPENSES.

Binding.....	\$29
Periodicals and Books.....	14 37
Balance on hand April, 1884.....	100 94
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Total.....	\$144 31

MRS. DR. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIPS.

RECEIPTS.

On hand April, 1883.....	\$12 50
Interest on the 1st Scholarship.....	70
“ “ 2d “	7
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Total.....	\$89 50

EXPENSES.

Mr. R. Bloemendaal, April 1st to July 1st, 1883...	\$17 50
Balance on hand, April, 1884.....	72
Total.....	<u>\$89 50</u>

Seventy dollars of this sum is to be added to the principal of Second Scholarship, which is now \$100.

CASH BALANCE.

Balance of Contingent Fund.....	\$272 14
“ Permanent Fund.....	78 94
“ Library Fund.....	100 94
“ Mrs. Dr. Anderson Scholarships.....	72
Total.....	<u>\$524 02</u>

LIABILITIES.

Due to the Board of Benevolence.....	\$1,000
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INVESTMENTS.

Balance of Charter Endowment Notes.....	\$9,601
Mrs. Abbe Fund.....	5,000
Other Mortgages held by Council.....	11,225 20
Virginia Investments.....	1,626
Mrs. Dr. Anderson Scholarship, No. 1....	1,000
“ “ “ No. 2.....	100
Individual Notes.....	602 50
*In <i>De Hope</i> and Printing Office.....	9,000
On hand for Investment, including \$70 for the 2d Mrs. Anderson Scholarship....	148 94
Total.....	<u>\$38,303 64</u>

The Board of Direction (of General Synod) holds in trust for the College.....	\$32,446 50
And for the Professorship of Theology.....	6,563 09

Total amount of funds.....	<u>\$77,313 23</u>
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*This amount has been increased from \$7,724.50 as heretofore reported.

VII.—SYNODICAL MEMBERS.

The term of office of Rev. N. M. Steffens, as a member of Council representing General Synod, expires at the session of Synod in June, 1884. An election by General Synod to fill his place is required.

VIII.—NEEDS OF THE COLLEGE.

The financial needs of the Institution are many and pressing. In what direction these needs show themselves was clearly and pointedly indicated recently, by a statement of President C. Scott, in the *Christian Intelligencer*. The Council would reiterate that statement, a summary of which is hereby transmitted to General Synod, and is as follows :

“Most distinctly and earnestly do we ask for \$5,000. (at this time,) to be employed as follows :

“1. For the library, in fixing up a room for 10,000 volumes, and the same number of pamphlets, with a reading room attached, \$1,500.

“2. For repairs, additions, and some changes in the lecture or recitation rooms, \$1,500.

“3. For laboratories, with needed chemical and physical apparatus, \$1,000.

“4. For beginning a museum, \$1,000.

“All of which is necessary, yea, indispensable, and the above amounts are the least which can be named for the ends to be secured.

“Let me go further and make some other estimates. Nothing is included which is not well nigh a *present*, as well as a *future* necessity.

“1. There is no safe or suitable room for a library or museum; our books or pamphlets are in constant danger of destruction by fire, etc. From \$10,000 to \$15,000 would furnish a fire-proof building, large enough for present demands.

“2. Van Vleck Hall was built for a residence and dormitory, and is only fitted for such use. For general College purposes, a new hall, costing from \$20,000 to \$25,000 is imperative. It might bear the name of the donor of the needed amount of money. Our present buildings hardly comport with the idea of a College.

“3. The physical sciences have become a most important

part of a liberal education. We should have the appliances of a good scientific course of what is often termed a practical culture. The furnishing of such a department would call for at least \$10,000.

“4. The College should have an Endowment for a President, and certainly one other endowed professorship—a pressing need for \$50,000 more. It is most difficult to have a permanent President, until provision has been made for his salary.

“5. The funds on hand are insufficient for the proper payment of the teachers now employed. The salaries are not one-half of those paid at the University, and are smaller than those generally offered in the higher public schools of Michigan. Any one must admit that this should not be continued. Hence, the ‘Permanent Fund’ needs enlarging. Or, to sum up, the donation of \$100,000 would confer benefits beyond calculation, and would place Hope College in a position of much greater influence for good, in Church or in State. Let the work of the Institution go on in broader and deeper channels, filling the whole land with the richest moral fruitage.”

IX.—REMARKS.

It will be seen, from the above report, that never before in the history of the College have there been so many students on the roll during any one year.

The health of the students and of the Professors has been good during the year, with the exception of that of Pres. Scott. The Council, in consequence, relieved him of some of his official duties. By request, Rev. N. M. Steffens has given instruction in Moral Philosophy to the Senior Class, and in religious instruction to the A and B Classes of the Grammar School. The C and D Classes have been instructed in the catechism by Rev. T. W. Jones. Mr. P. Phelps has given instruction to the D Class in Composition and Speaking, and Mr. H. V. S. Peeke to the C and D Classes in vocal music.

A promising young man, Hermanus C. Broek, of the A Class was suddenly removed by death, March 30.

The Young Men’s Christian Association has a full membership. Lectures for the benefit of the students have been delivered by different speakers during the year, which, as we

trust, have been the means of promoting the general culture of the students.

The young ladies have held meetings for religious improvement, and have organized a literary society. The spiritual condition of the school is encouraging, ten students having made a profession of religion during the year.

We pray the Synod may extend its fostering care over the Institution as its past warrants, and its future demands.

A true copy of the report.

PETER MOERDYKE, *Secretary*.

For the action of Synod in regard to Hope College affairs, see Article XIV, Professorate, and Article XX, Particularia.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully report :

The following papers have been placed in their hands :

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

2. The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property.

3. So much of the Report of the Board of Direction as relates to the Endowment of a Professorship by a bequest from the late Gardner A. Sage, and a paper from members of the Board of Direction modifying their report.

4. The Nominations from several Classes of members of the Board of Superintendents.

5. A copy of a letter to Professor John DeWitt relating to the employment of assistants in his department.

6. Certain Resolutions introduced into this Synod relating to the Vedder Lectureship.

7. The Eighteenth Report of the Council of Hope College.

8. Certain papers relating to the early restoration of Theological Instruction in the West, viz :

a. A Memorial from the Council of Hope College.

b. A Financial Report from Rev. P. Lepeltak, together with a detailed statement of subscriptions.

- c.* A communication from the Classis of Wisconsin on Theology at the West.
- d.* A communication from the Classis of Michigan on the restoration of Theology at Hope College.
- e.* From the Particular Synod of Chicago on Theology at Hope College.
- 9. Certain financial statements, viz :
 - a.* Educational Fund.
 - b.* Receipts and payments on account of the Van Benschoten Fund.
 - c.* Principal received and invested on account of Van Benschoten Fund.
 - d.* Bonds and Mortgages of Van Benschoten Fund.
 - e.* Receipts and payments on account of Knox Fund.
- 10. Request from Members of the Classis of Raritan for a dispensation.

I. The Report of the Board of Superintendents shows that there have been in attendance during the year, 17 students in the Senior Class, 10 in the Middle Class and 11 in the Junior Class, 38 in all. This is one more than were reported last year.

The results of the examinations of all the classes were satisfactory.

The Board deem it desirable that our Board of Domestic Missions employ our students, as much as practicable, in missionary labors during their Summer vacation. It is not without mortification that we have seen our students employed eagerly in behalf of the mission churches and stations of the Congregational and other denominations, and even in purely pioneer work in their behalf, while our own Church so much needs to send willing workers out to the frontiers of our Territory. We recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the attention of the Board of Domestic Missions be called to this comparatively inexpensive means of exploration and evangelization which we possess, and which other denominations find so efficient.

The Board takes occasion to call the special attention of Synod to the salaries of the Professors. The residences provided, the furniture required for social intercourse, the numerous calls for generous hospitality, and the needs of recreation call for pecuniary means beyond that of by-gone years.

The *inequality* also of the salaries of our Professors, the Board submits, should not be allowed to continue. For these reasons the Board urges upon the Synod the immediate increase of the Permanent Seminary Fund.

Recognizing the force and the importance of the facts so presented, your Committee recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three Ministers and two Elders be appointed by this Synod, and authorized and empowered to employ an agent to solicit funds for the larger endowment of the Seminary. The following is the Committee: Rev. G. H. Mandeville, Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Rev. C. I. Shepard, Elders R. N. Perlee and Silas B. Dutcher.

The Report of the Faculty speaks of the acceptable and able assistance in the Biblical department given by Drs. Chambers and Corwin. This advantage has been apparent in the examinations. The Board hope that some means of compensating these brethren for their year's services may be devised, and arrangements made for the supplementing of the regular instruction, until such time as a new Professorship shall be established and filled.

Your Committee are sure that they can speak for the Synod and for the whole Church in expressing profound gratitude to these two able workmen for their generous labors in behalf of our young men in the Theological Seminary. But gratitude which does not lead to ready and just compensation can be neither very profound nor sincere. Your Committee therefore submit the following :

Inasmuch as the teaching of Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D., and Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D., in the Theological Seminary, during the past year, has been in the line of the Gardner A. Sage Professorship, and inasmuch as the salary of the Professor elect does not begin until the commencement of the Seminary year, and as the interest accruing on the said bequest of Mr. Sage will by that time have reached at least \$1,400, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be instructed to pay out of said accrued interest, \$500 to Rev. Dr. Chambers, and \$500 to Rev. Dr. Corwin, for the services rendered by them in the Seminary during the past year, together with their traveling expenses to the amount of \$50 each.

*SURPLUS FUNDS.

As to possible existing funds now available, your Committee learns that the Board of Direction now holds somewhere about \$15,573 of surplus, accruing partly from the interest on Funds which have yielded income beyond the needs for which they exist. Your Committee would not touch this surplus and interest account, but have held it sacred for the purposes of the principal Funds, but we cannot see why this accruing interest should not itself yield interest applicable to general purposes. We therefore offer the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorized to fund all unappropriated sums and balances of interest on hand from time to time, and invest the same, the annual interest of which may be appropriated as Synod shall from year to year direct, the interest thus yielded to be called *Synod's Fund for Temporary Contingencies*.

STUDENTS' PREACHING.

With regard to students' preaching the Board says that the evils of it are greater than the advantages, both to the students and the efficiency of the Seminary. Your Committee believe that the evil complained of consists more in the continuous preaching of a student in one church, until he becomes practically a stated supply, and finds himself obliged either to occupy most of his time and effort in sermonizing, to the detriment of the studies of his Seminary course, or to fall into a slipshod method of preaching which dishonors himself and his Seminary, and confirms him in habits which are ruinous to his future pulpit efficiency, than in the simple fact that he exercises such gifts and uses such sermons as he has. Your Committee recommend to the Theological Faculty and to the students the *enforcement* of a rule which has been repeatedly announced as the will of the Synod, that no Theological student be at liberty to preach outside of the Seminary, unless sermon, time, and place be first expressly approved and permitted by at least one of the Professors.†

*This section was substituted for the recommendation in the report of the Committee on the Board of Direction that certain questions respecting the disposition of surplus funds should be determined in a friendly way by judicial authority, which was as ordered stricken out of the report.

†This recommendation was laid on the table.

The Board also report their views as to the Seminary *curriculum*. As this matter is already before us in the elaborate report of a Committee appointed by Synod last year, it is not proper that your Committee say anything further of it in this connection.

II. The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property is of the most gratifying character. The receipts and expenditures in relation to the property are stated with great fulness, and the management has been evidently careful and wise. The Committee report the completion and occupancy of the new Professorial residence, and the renting of the old; the finishing of the basement of the Library building for the storage of pamphlets and old books seldom used; and the attention given to greatly needed repairs upon two of the Professors' houses. Much work has also been done upon the Seminary grounds in grading, sodding, road-making and tree planting.

Year by year we have occasion to express the gratitude of the Synod and of the Church to this faithful and energetic Committee, and so now again, not perfunctorily, but with high appreciation of their taste, skill and readiness to give their time and effort for the perfection and preservation of the Seminary premises, we offer for adoption :

Resolved, That Synod thanks the Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property for their indefatigable faithfulness.

GARDNER A. SAGE PROFESSORSHIP.

III. From the Report of the Board of Direction it appears that the bequest of Gardner A. Sage of \$50,000 for the establishment of a new Professorship in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick has been paid into their hands. From other documents before the Synod, and from the fact that it was found necessary during the last year to employ very highly valued assistance in the department of Exegetical Theology, it appears that the new Professorship most needed will be in that department, to be constituted by a division of the Professorship now held by Rev. Dr. DeWitt.

It furthermore appears from the fact that the bequest of Gardner A. Sage makes no specification or suggestion as to the department of the new Professorship, that General Synod

is at liberty to constitute said Professorship according to their judgment of the necessities of the Seminary.

Your Committee can see no reason why such Professorship should not be established and filled at this present session of General Synod. It seems to us that fidelity to our trust as recipients of the bequest requires that we should put it to its designed use as promptly as possible. And since the additional instruction has been deemed so needful that it has been already irregularly provided for during the past year, to the great gratification of all friends of the Seminary, it is abundantly apparent to us that the time has fully come when the establishment of the new Professorship is not only prudent but imperative.

We therefore recommend the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That a new Professorship in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick be now and hereby constituted, to be called the Gardner A. Sage Professorship of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis, leaving the Professorship now held by Prof. DeWitt to consist of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis.

2. *Resolved*, That the interest and income of the fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) bequeathed by Gardner A. Sage be, and hereby is, sacredly set apart for the support and maintenance of said new Professorship, with a professorial residence.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod now designate an order of the day for the election of a Professor in this newly established department, during the present session of General Synod.

IV. Vacancies in the Board of Superintendents for the full term of three years are to be filled for nine Classes. We have received the following nominations :

<i>South Bergen</i>	Rev. Cornelius Brett.
<i>Monmouth</i>	Rev. Charles J. Young.
<i>New Brunswick</i>	Rev. James LeFevre.
<i>Orange</i>	Rev. John T. Demarest, D.D.
<i>Philadelphia</i>	Rev. John Hart.
<i>Raritan</i>	Rev. P. M. Doolittle.

Your Committee suggest to the General Synod the following nominations from Classes which have made none for themselves :

<i>Geneva</i>	Rev. M. Kolyn.
<i>Michigan</i>	Rev. A. P. Peake.
<i>Poughkeepsie</i>	Rev. Henry Ward.

We also nominate for Elders at Large :

From Particular Synod of Albany, W. H. Van Orden, Peter S. Danforth; from Particular Synod of New York, Wm. H. Crosby, Henry Van Arsdale, M.D.; from Particular Synod of New Brunswick, Johnson Letson; the term of office of each of these having expired.

V. The letter to Dr. DeWitt is simply a private letter from Rev. Drs. Suydam and Van Cleef, explaining how Drs. Chambers and Corwin came to be employed in the Exegetical department at the Seminary, notwithstanding the failure of an expected appropriation from the Board of Direction, and was put into our hands that Synod might understand that it was by mutual agreement between the Lectors and the Committee. As we have attended to this matter elsewhere, it is not necessary that further reference be made to it here.

HOPE COLLEGE.

(Read by Rev. J. W. Beardslee.)

VII. In presenting this portion of the Report of the Committee on the Professorate, it is due to the Chairman, Rev. John A. DeBaun, D.D., to say that because of his peculiar relation to the subject, he has refrained from taking any part, either in the positions taken or the conclusions reached.

From the 18th Annual Report of the Council of Hope College we gather the following facts :

1. The total enrollment of students for the year has been 148; of whom 31 are young ladies; 25 are in the Academic Department; the others are in the Preparatory. This is the largest number ever in attendance during any year since the organization of the College. The health of both Faculty and students has been good, although one student was suddenly removed by death, excepting that of President Scott, whose severe illness at the beginning of the year, brought on by over exertion, has prevented him from performing the usual amount of teaching. His place has, however, been partially filled by the Rev. Nicholas M. Steffens, who, by request of the Council, has given much voluntary service to the Institution.

2. The Report shows a balance in the Contingent Fund of \$272.14. This gratifying result has, however, been reached only by the generous contributions of the Western churches and individuals in the East. It is evident that such a source of revenue is utterly inadequate, and that provision ought to be made at the earliest possible moment for permanent funds to meet these regular expenses of the College. If we deduct the voluntary contributions from these receipts, we have \$7,927.43 as income from the permanent funds, and from the Board of Education. The expenses, reduced to the lowest practicable amount, are \$9,611.05, leaving a yearly deficit of \$1,683.62.

It should be also added, that if the instructions of the General Synod of 1883 are complied with and a permanent President chosen, the expenses must be further increased by at least \$1,700; thus creating a yearly deficiency of \$3,383.62, for which Council has no resource, but the uncertain voluntary contributions of those who are favorably disposed toward the College. Synod can easily judge of the embarrassment under which the Council labors, and ought to afford substantial relief.

3. In accordance with the expressed wish of General Synod Council did, on the 27th of May last, after much deliberation, with great unanimity elect Rev. John A. DeBaun, D.D., President of the College. The Council is entirely satisfied with the choice of Dr. DeBaun, and rejoices in the hope of gaining the help he is so well fitted to give. But we feel in duty bound to express to Synod our great anxiety as to his support.

4. The Council again calls the attention of Synod to the utter inadequacy of its present accommodations. The lecture-rooms are too small to accommodate the increasing attendance, the buildings need much repair, the apparatus for the teaching of the Natural Sciences is utterly inadequate. \$5,000 is the least amount Council thinks will meet these most urgent needs.

5. The term for which Rev. Nicholas M. Steffens was elected as one of Synod's members of the Council of Hope College expires and must be filled at this session.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That in the general good health, the increased

attendance, and the fact that the year is closed without debt, this Synod finds a reward for its past efforts and a reason for increased effort in the future.

2. *Resolved*, That while as a Synod we gladly embrace this occasion to express our most sincere thanks to the entire Faculty of Hope College for their arduous and underpaid services, we do hereby recognize the pre-eminent service of the retiring Provisional President, Rev. Charles Scott, D.D., who by unceasing effort and at great sacrifice, even to the impairment of his health, has been the chief agent in releasing the College from its almost overwhelming debts, and whose prudent and genial administration of the government of the College is revealed in the fact that the past year shows the largest attendance of students in the entire history of the Institution.

3. *Resolved*, That the action of the Council in electing Rev. John A. DeBaun permanent President of the College be commended, and his election confirmed, with the expression of our earnest hope that he may see in said election the clear call of God to that most useful and extensive field of influence and labor.

4. *Resolved*, That the time has now fully come when the endowment of Hope College ought to be recognized as a present duty, and that this Synod places this subject before the Church as one which ought no longer to be left uncared for ; and that we also direct the Council, at their next meeting, to adopt measures to bring the matter prominently before our people, and promise them our hearty co-operation in such measures as they may deem most likely to secure this result.

5. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Nicholas M. Steffens be re-elected as one of General Synod's members of the Council of Hope College for the full term, beginning Sept. 1, 1884.

THEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTION AT HOPE COLLEGE.

(Read by the Rev. C. I. Shepard.)

VIII. In presenting this portion of the Report on the Professorate it is due to the Chairman, the Rev. Dr. DeBaun, because of his peculiar position, to state that he has in no way influenced the action of the Committee on the subject now presented.

Several papers on the subject of Theology at Hope

College have been placed in the hands of your Committee for consideration.

1st. A communication from Rev. P. Lepeltak in reference to raising funds for Theology at Hope College.

“By order of the Council of Hope College and request of Churches and Committees,” he reports that there is on hand for the object named the sum of \$20,068. Part of said sum being in his own hands, and the remainder resting with Committees of Churches in the Particular Synod of Chicago.

The sum is partly in cash, viz: \$1,494, but mostly in the form of notes, viz: \$18,574. About one-half of the sum, viz: \$11,465 is *given on condition* that Theological instruction be restored at Hope College by the Fall of 1884, and the remainder, viz: \$8,603, is conditioned upon such restoration by September, 1885.

Thus it is seen, that unless Theology is restored at Hope College by this Synod, the sum of \$11,465 will be unavailable, and that the availability of the other part of the sum named above will be contingent on the action of the Synod of 1885.

2d. The communication from the Classis of Wisconsin informs General Synod in regard to the collection of funds for Theological instruction in the West, that the “amount collected by the churches under its care is up till this time not large,” but does not name the sum secured, yet the Classis would not have Synod infer from the above fact that there is a lack of interest in the matter on the part of the several churches, local matters having in most cases operated against the hoped for completion of the Fund at this time. “The pastors of churches state that after some time larger results would be obtained.”

“Classis has no reason to believe that the churches are indifferent; but on the contrary believes that in its proper time they will show by their contributions that they are in earnest.”

3d. A communication from the Classis of Michigan, in which it is stated that a report was made to said Classis on the subject of restoration of Theological instruction at Hope College, and that a paper was before the Classis in connection with said report arguing,

1. That one Theological Professor could not do all the work needed in training students for the Ministry.

2. That the two departments now established, and all the adjuncts of the Institution would suffer for the lack of means, since the gifts of the people would commonly be diverted to the support of the Theological Department.

3. That one Theological Seminary like that at New Brunswick and well endowed was sufficient for a denomination so small as the Reformed Dutch Church.

After due consideration the Classis ordered that their action should be transmitted to the General Synod, which action is as follows :

1. That the Classis of Michigan co-operate with the other Classes of the West, in seeking to secure the restoration of Theological instruction at Hope College.

2. That in doing this the Classis distinctly understands that a Theological Professor shall be appointed, only after an endowment has been provided for his Chair, and that whatever Theological teaching is necessary from the Professors in the College, or otherwise, shall be provided and paid for as such, without deducting from the financial support of the other two departments.

3. That the Classis approves and demands the principle, that in the future Hope College shall provide funds for the support of teachers, etc., before the obligations of payment shall be assumed; the only safe policy and what the good of the whole Church requires is that the Institution be kept from the accumulation of debt, from the evils of unpaid obligations.

4th. A paper giving to General Synod the action of the Particular Synod of Chicago, respecting the resolutions passed by the General Synod of 1883, which resolutions are to the effect that Theological instruction at Hope College be resumed in the Autumn of 1884, *provided* that the churches belonging to the Particular Synod of Chicago obtain funds, which when added to those now under the care of the Board of Direction for that purpose will fully endow the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

Inasmuch as the funds obtained from the churches in said Synod are as yet insufficient to endow the proposed Chair of Theology, they are unable to comply with the condition upon which the privilege was accorded them, of recommending a person to occupy said Chair, yet the Particular Synod of Chi-

icago is by no means indifferent as to the restoration of Theology at the West ; fully concurring as said Synod does in the repeated resolutions of General Synod declaring Theology at the West desirable and necessary, and also while it is the firm conviction of said Synod that Theology in connection with Hope College is vital to the continued existence and usefulness of the College.

We are told that a large amount of funds in the shape of notes, contributed for the support of Hope College, is now inoperative because of the suspension of Theology, and that for the same reason gifts for the College can be obtained only with great difficulty. It is the declared belief of the Particular Synod of Chicago, that with Theology once restored the whole Institution will again enjoy the hearty and liberal support of the Western Churches.

Your Committee have also before them the memorial of the Council of Hope College to General Synod, in regard to the early restoration of Theological instruction in the West.

The memorial has been read in open Synod, and printed copies have been placed in the hands of its members. Your Committee feel compelled to say, which they do with great pleasure and satisfaction, that the paper is worthy of the most serious and prayerful consideration of each and every member of this reverend body.

As the result of your Committee's consideration of these several papers, they would recommend the following plan of action :

1st. *Resolved*, That the General Synod proceed at this session to elect a Professor to fill the Chair of Theology at Hope College, who shall not enter upon the discharge of his duties as such Professor until the total sum at least of \$30,000 shall be in the hands of the Board of Direction, the income of which sum shall be for the support of said Professor. And, moreover, not until there shall be at least \$700 a year secured by subscriptions or otherwise, for the services of a Lector, who shall be *nominated* by the Professor, *elected* by the Council of Hope College, subject to the subsequent confirmation of the General Synod.

2d. In regard to the government and discipline of the Theological Department thus established, said department shall be subject only to the General Synod, except that the Council

of Hope College, in a separate capacity, and under a separate organization, shall act as a Board of Superintendents, after the plan and order of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

(Read by the Chairman.)

IX. From the members of the Classis of Raritan now on the floor of this Synod, a request has been placed in our hands by order of Synod, requesting a dispensation to William A. Dumont, that he may be examined for licensure next Spring at the close of his three years' course in the Union Theological Seminary. This request is irregular, inasmuch as it does not come officially from the Classis, said Classis, as we understand, having omitted the request at the last regular meeting. But the request is signed by three ministers and three elders from that Classis, who assure us that much vexatious delay may be avoided if it be granted.

We recommend the following :

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to William A. Dumont permitting him to appear before the Classis of Raritan for licensure upon the completion of his full Seminary course, provided that the Classis of Raritan shall choose in regular session to enter upon his examination.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property be requested to have the tomb of Elias Van Benschoten repaired and the inscription on the tablet restored and made legible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. DEBAUN.
CHAS. I. SHEPARD.
J. W. BEARDSLEE.
G. E. WINANTS.
A. W. HOBART.

CENTENNIAL OF THE SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on the Centennial presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the duty of reporting to the last General Synod, the best method of celebrating

the Centennial of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, begs leave to present its final report :

We repeat the recommendations made in our report last year, that the celebration be held at New Brunswick, N. J., on the 28th and 29th of October, that the exercises take place in the First Reformed Church, which has been kindly offered for the purpose, and that they consist of the delivery of addresses, the reading of papers prepared for the occasion, and devotional services.

The following general programme is suggested, which, if adopted, we ask the privilege of altering or amending as circumstances may require.

FIRST SESSION, Tuesday, Oct. 28, 3 P. M.

Address of welcome, by Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D.D., Pastor of the church.

Response by the presiding officer.

Address by Rev. Prof. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., representing the Theological Faculty.

Each session to be opened and closed with devotional exercises.

SECOND SESSION, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.

Historical Discourse by Rev. Prof. D. D. Demarest, D.D., on the Origin and Progress of the Theological Professorate in connection with the labors of Rev. John H. Livingston, D.D., and the Lectors appointed from time to time, comprising also a history of the Theological Seminary during the past century.

THIRD SESSION, Wednesday, A. M.

1. Paper by Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D., LL.D., on the relation of the Seminary and Rutgers College to each other.

2. Paper on the Influence of the Seminary on the Denominational Life of the Church, by Rev. William J. R. Taylor, D.D.

3. Address by Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., former Professor of Theology at Hope College.

COLLATION.

FOURTH SESSION, Wednesday, 3 P. M.

Communications from Foreign Universities, Utrecht, Amsterdam and Kampen, Holland.

Brief addresses by visiting representatives of other Theological Seminaries in America, as invited guests.

Address by Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, D.D., representing the Alumni of the Seminary.

FIFTH SESSION, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Consideration of plans for the more complete endowment of the Seminary, presented by the Committee consisting of Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Rev. Mancius H. Hutton, D. D., and Rev. Selah W. Strong.

Farewell address and closing devotional exercises.

The Committee recommend that the President of the Synod be appointed to preside at the first session, the Vice President to be his *secundus*, and that a different Chairman be selected for each session thereafter.

Your Committee would also request the General Synod to authorize its Treasurer to pay the necessary expenses that may be incurred in carrying out the foregoing programme.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. D. VAN CLEEF,	} <i>Committee.</i>
J. HOWARD SUYDAM,	
D. N. VANDERVEER.	

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Rev. A. P. Van Gieson of the Particular Synod of New York, Rev. Mancius H. Hutton of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, and Rev. Selah W. Strong of the Particular Synod of Albany, be appointed a "Committee on Centennial Seminary Endowment," and that they be requested to prepare a plan for the completion of the endowment of the several Professorships, and report at the Centennial of the Seminary in October next.

VEDDER LECTURE.

The Rev. E. B. Coe, D.D., having resigned as Vedder Lecturer, his resignation was accepted, and the Synod proceeded according to rule to fill the vacancy, and also to appoint a Lecturer for 1886.

On counting the ballots it appeared that the Rev. William

H. Campbell, D.D., LL.D., was elected for 1885, and the Rev. George S. Bishop, D.D., for 1886. These brethren signified their acceptance.

The following was adopted :

Whereas, A continuity in the delivery of the Vedder Lectures may be interrupted by providential causes, and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Professors, both in the Seminary and College, that a time be selected for the delivery which will not interfere so much with the yearly examinations of the students in both institutions ;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, In case the Lecturer be unable to fulfil his appointment for the year designated, that he notify the Lecturer for the subsequent year, and that the latter be the Lecturer for the vacancy thus created, if consistent with his convenience.

In view of the fact that the time already appointed for the delivery of the Vedder Lectures is not convenient, either for the Professors or for students in the College and Seminary,

Resolved, That the designation of a new time for the delivery of the above Lectures be referred to the Dean of the Theological Seminary, the President of Rutgers College, and the Lecturer for the year; and that when this new time shall have been adopted, it shall be the time until ordered otherwise by General Synod.

ELECTION OF PROFESSORS.

The Committee on the Professorate having recommended that a Professor be elected by this Synod to fill the Chair endowed by Gardner A. Sage, and their report having been adopted, the Synod proceeded to the election. A nominating ballot was taken on Tuesday, the seventh day of the session, and 10 o'clock on the following day was appointed as the time for the election.

Accordingly, after special prayer the Synod proceeded to the election. After balloting eight times it was found that the Rev. John G. Lansing, of West Troy, was elected, he having received more than three-fourths of the votes of the members present. On motion of Rev. E. T. Corwin the election was declared unanimous.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

(9)

Whereas, the Rev. John G. Lansing has been unanimously elected Professor of Old Testament Language and Exegesis,

Resolved, That a Professorial call in the constitutional form be signed in the presence of the General Synod, by the President thereof, and by him given in the name of the Church to the Professor elect.

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed, of which the President and Vice President shall form a part, to notify the Rev. Mr. Lansing of his election.

Resolved, That the said Committee make arrangements for his installation in case of his acceptance.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor elect begin upon the opening of the next term in the Seminary.

Resolved, That a Committee of three Elders, consisting of William H. Kirk, Johnson Letson and Isaiah Rolfe, be appointed to attend to the removal of the Professor elect to New Brunswick, at the expense of the Synod.

A Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Rev. John H. Oerter and Rev. T. R. Beck, with Elders W. H. Crosby and George Stewart, was appointed to wait on the Professor elect and inform him of his election.

The Rev. Mr. Lansing subsequently appeared in the Synod and declared his acceptance of the appointment, when the following arrangements were made for his inauguration.

1. That the Professor elect be installed into his office, on Tuesday, Sept. 23d, 1884, in the First Reformed Dutch Church at New Brunswick, at such hour as may be agreed upon by the President, after conference with the Professor elect.

2. That the President of Synod preside and preach the sermon, and that the Rev. John A. DeBaun be appointed to deliver the charge to the Professor, with Rev. D. N. Vanderveer as *secundus*.

The Synod also resolved to re-establish Theological instruction at Hope College, and elect a Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at this session. Accordingly nominations by ballot were made in the evening of the eighth day, and the Synod appointed ten o'clock on the following day for the election.

Special prayer was offered, and Synod proceeded to the

election. On the third ballot it appeared that the Rev. N. M. Steffens was elected, he having received more than three-fourths of the votes cast. By resolution the Synod declared the election unanimous.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Whereas, the Rev. Nicholas M. Steffens has been unanimously elected Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College,

Resolved, That a Professorial call in the constitutional form be signed in the presence of the General Synod, by the President thereof, and by him given in the name of the Church to the Professor elect.

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed, of which the President and Vice President shall form a part, to notify the Rev. Nicholas M. Steffens of his election.

Resolved, That the said Committee make arrangements for his installation in case of his acceptance.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor elect, shall be the income of the Fund to be deposited with the Board of Direction for said Professorship.

A Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, and Rev. J. S. Joralmon, Rev. P. Lepeltak, Rev. J. W. Beardslee, and Elders Cornelis Doesberg and Silas B. Dutcher, was appointed to wait on the Professor elect, and inform him of his appointment. He subsequently appeared in Synod and declared his acceptance. The following arrangements were made for his inauguration :

1. That the Professor elect be installed into his office as soon, after the conditions upon which his Professorship is founded are complied with, as the proper arrangements can be made, and that the President and Stated Clerk of this Synod, in consultation with the Professor elect, be a Committee to arrange any details necessary to carry this action into effect.

2. That the President of Synod preside and preach the sermon, with Rev. Charles Scott, D.D., as *secundus*, and that the Rev. Henry E. Dosker be appointed to deliver the charge to the Professor, with Rev. Peter Lepeltak as *secundus*.

3. That the Elders, Isaac Cappon, Charles A. Dutton and R. Kauters be a Committee to attend to any matters con-

nected with the removal of the Professor elect, should such removal become necessary.

The following preamble and resolution in reference to the endowment of Hope College were adopted :

Whereas, the Council of Hope College did at their last meeting, and according to the *direction* of the General Synod of 1883, elect a permanent President, and

Whereas, the Synod has already at this meeting begun to collect money for the endowment of the Presidency,

Resolved, That this Synod most heartily recommend to the churches of our denomination the full endowment of the Presidency of Hope College, and invite the Council to send an agent for the collection of the moneys needed for that purpose.

The following preamble and resolution were also adopted :

Whereas, the Synod of 1883, (p. 330) gave the Council of Hope College authority to occupy the whole of Van Vleck Hall, and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Phelps now occupies a very considerable portion of the same, claiming that he does so by express direction of General Synod, and is ready to give it up when the General Synod shall ask him so to do, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod requests Rev. Ph. Phelps, D.D., to place the rooms now occupied by him in Van Vleck Hall, at the disposal of the Council of Hope College.

CURRICULUM.

The Committee appointed last year (p. 324,) to report a new classification of the curriculum of studies in the Seminary, presented their Report, which, after slight amendment, it having been printed and placed in the hands of all the members for examination, was adopted and is follows :

THE CURRICULUM OF THE SEMINARY.

The Committee on "A New Classification of the Curriculum" of the studies of the Theological Seminary, appointed last year, (Minutes of Gen. Synod, p. 325) beg leave to report, as follows :

They have given their best attention to the subject, and have carefully compared various sources of information,

domestic and foreign. The result is the Scheme hereinafter outlined. The nomenclature used is that which is now adopted by all authorities on the subject. As there is a fifth Professorship provided for, they have supposed that this must needs be in the department of Exegetical Theology, since all high class Seminaries now have one man for Hebrew, and another for Greek. Yet if the Synod see fit, after constituting the new Professorship, to forbear filling it for a time, and meanwhile to secure additional teaching by Lecturers under temporary appointment, there does not seem to be any obstacle in the way of such a course. The Committee were unanimously of opinion that a fourth year of study would be very desirable, but in view of the present demand for Ministers, and the existing arrangements of our educational funds, do not feel free to recommend it for immediate adoption. Still it is appropriate to keep the matter in view, as one of great importance. Meanwhile, every encouragement should be given to such students as desire, after graduation, to pursue further study in the Seminary.

At the close of the Curriculum, we add some suggestions which, if they commend themselves to the favor of the Synod, might be adopted as *desiderata* to be kept in view, in the future, and put into actual execution as soon as the way is open.

A. EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.

I. <i>Old Testament Chair.</i>	Palæography.	{ To be treated by both according to such arrangement as they may make between themselves
Hebrew and Cognate Tongues.	Canonics.	
Practical Exegesis.	Textual Criticism.	
	Historic “	
II. <i>New Testament Chair.</i>	Hermeneutics.	
Hellenic Greek.	Biblical Geography.	
Practical Exegesis.	“ Chronology.	

Successive portions of the Greek, and, if *practicable*, the Hebrew Scriptures, to be assigned at each session, so that the whole shall be read through with care during the three years course.

Expository Lectures.

B. HISTORIC THEOLOGY.

- I. The Kingdom of God under the Old Covenant.
 1. Its Rise and Growth.
 2. History of Cultus.
 3. History of Life and Morals.
 4. History of Doctrine: Biblical Theology of the Old Testament.
- II. The Kingdom of God under the New Covenant.
 1. Extension of Christianity.
 2. History of Cultus and Government.
 3. History of Life and Morals.
 4. History of Doctrine: Biblical Theology of the New Testament.
 5. History of Christian Literature.
 6. History of Philosophy as related to the Church.
Expository Lectures.

C. DOCTRINAL THEOLOGY.

- I. Dogma.
 1. Outline of the System (Definitions, Proofs, &c.)
 2. Standards of the Church: (Heidelberg Catechism; Belgic Confession; Canons of Dort.)
 3. History of Christian Dogma: (Post Biblical.)
 4. Encyclopedia and Methodology.
- II. Apologetics.
 1. Theism.
 2. Comparative Religions.
 3. Evidences of Christianity.
 4. Contemporary Attacks.
- III. Ethics.
 1. Principles.
 2. History.
- IV. Lectures and Theses on Specific Points.
Two Theses from each student every year to be discussed by the class.
Expository Lectures.

D. PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

- I. Nature and Grounds of the Christian Ministry.

The Call : (outward and inward), Qualifications, Preparation, and Induction into Office.

II. Homiletics.

Practical Exercises in Plan, Composition, and Delivery of Sermons.

III. Catechetics.

Theory, History, Method, including Catechetical Classes, Sunday School, and Pulpit Exposition.

IV. Liturgies.

Conduct of Worship, The History of the development, and the Use of Liturgies, Hymnology, Feast-Days, Christian Art and Architecture as connected with Worship.

V. Ecclesiastics.

Administration of Discipline ; Pastor as member of Consistory, Classis, Synod and Boards.

VI. Poimenics.

Marriages, Funerals, Visitation of the Sick, Inquirers, Prayer-meetings, Benevolence.

VII. Halieutics.

1. Missions, in the Neighborhood, in the Domestic and Foreign Fields.
2. History—General and Denominational.
Expository Lectures.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. The use of some Latin compend in Doctrinal Theology, such as *Marckii Medulla* or *Amesii. Theologia*, as tending to make the students familiar with scholastic Latin, as well as giving an exact Syllabus of Definitions and Proofs. The book and the manner of using it to be at the discretion of the Professor.

II. The requisition from the students of frequent written Theses on given subjects to be read and discussed by the class, not only in Doctrinal Theology but in all other Departments.

III. Occasional Lectures, by Pastors, and others, on topics with which they are especially familiar.

IV. Instructions in Vocal Culture with training by an expert.

V. Lectures on Physiology, Hygiene, and Sanitary arrangements in general. [This might be secured in union with Rutgers College.]

VI. The establishment of Fellowships—of about \$500 or \$600 yearly for two years, to be given to such students as at the end of the course shall show most proficiency, and shall desire opportunity for further study.

VII. The establishment of new Professorships, as soon as the means shall have been furnished—not only for Biblical Theology, but also for Apologetics, Symbolics and Monumental Theology, including Egyptology and Assyriology.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS,
E. A. COLLIER,
MANCIUS H. HUTTON,
FREDERICK T. FRELINGHUYSEN.
WM. H. CROSBY.

The following was adopted :

Whereas, the Committee appointed by the Synod of 1883, to prepare “A New Classification of the Curriculum,” for the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, make the suggestion that “a fourth year of study would be very desirable,” therefore.

Resolved, That this same Committee be appointed to prepare such a plan for a fourth year of study, and submit the same for consideration to the next Synod.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Fifty-second Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, with the Treasurer's report, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Tenth Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was received, and referred to the same committee.

The evening of Monday, the sixth day of the session, was devoted to the consideration of the subject of Foreign Missions. The Report of the Committee was read and accepted, after which the Corresponding Secretary addressed the Synod, and was followed by Rev. W. W. Scudder and others. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully report:

That they have carefully read the able report from the Board and the Missions, and find them closely packed with information concerning the work, and appeals to the Church for men and means. We wish that every word might be read by every member of our Church.

Instead of attempting to analyze and summarize what is already so condensed, we prefer to give convictions formed from its study.

We look first at the Reports from the Mission-fields.

1. We are impressed with the carefulness with which Christian discipline is maintained. We are told both of pastors and members who have been during the year called to receive admonition. Lapses were naturally to be expected. That so few occur evidences the caution exercised in receiving members into the communion of the Church; and the cases of discipline reported show faithful watch and care over their character and conduct when received, that the purity of the Church may be preserved and its usefulness be increased.

2. We are impressed with the amount of work performed. The labors of our Brethren embrace education from kindergarten to theology; medical ministration and care in hospitals and homes; tours in evangelistic work covering weeks; preaching and care of the Churches. He, who thoughtfully reads

the record of service rendered cannot fail to wonder at its amount and kind, and will feel no surprise that so many break under the pressure, and are necessitated to seek rest and recuperation.

3. We are impressed with the rapidity with which the leaven of Christianity is spreading and pervading the communities. Not alone by the number of schools and scholars, of Churches and members are we to estimate the results of the work ; there are forces that cannot be expressed in figures, and effects that cannot be stated in language. Gradually these forces are working and making manifest their influence. Social customs, educational methods and ideas, religious beliefs and practices, whose roots strike far back into the centuries of their history and are interlaced like network with their entire being, are being rapidly honeycombed and making ready to disappear, when the day has fully come for the triumph and enthronement of Zion's King.

4. We are impressed with the similarity in history of Churches and church-work and progress there and here. As we read the story told by our brethren over the sea, we seem almost to be reading reports from our Churches to Classes. We are told of a revival here and of a dearth there ; increase at one station and diminution at another ; one year the wave of spiritual influence spreading in beauty and power over the entire field, and another year ebbing and waning. The history of the Church through the ages proclaims that neither on this side, nor on the other side of the globe should there be expected an uninterrupted, unbroken flood-tide of grace sweeping round the world ; nor should they be discouraged when it appears to be at a stand-still, or even receding for the time. "The Lord of the harvest" will watch over the seed so that it shall "prosper in the thing whereunto He has sent it."

5. Our hearts are touched deeply and tenderly by the reports of the harvest gathered by the grim Reaper. Death has claimed a number of members of the Churches. Nor has he spared the band of workers. Mrs. E. C. Scudder, after a residence of only six months in India, suddenly ceased her work and went to her rest and reward. "Lovely in character and lovely in person," she was full of enthusiasm for the cause and had bright hopes of usefulness for many years. Her sudden departure is sorely felt by the whole Mission circle.

The Report also tells of the death of "the earnest and faithful catechist, John Hill." When a lad he renounced Hinduism and embraced Christianity. So consistent and devoted was his life that he was universally respected and loved. Large numbers of Hindus as well as Christians gathered at his funeral and dropped a token of respect into his grave. A prominent Hindu testified : "he was a man who never ceased to tell others of his Saviour. Yes, sir, he was a good man, and we Hindus, too, mourn his loss." Such testimonies to the power of the grace of Jesus cannot fail to have most beneficent and happy effects. Nor will the hearts of Christians at home fail to sympathize with our afflicted brethren and sisters. We would send to them across the waters words of condolence, and tell them that our hearts bleed with theirs, our tears fall with theirs, and our prayers blend with theirs, and together ascend to "the God of all consolation."

We next look at the report of the work of the Board itself and some of its suggestions.

1. We are gratified and thankful that the difficulty at Vellore, mentioned in last year's report, seems to promise a speedy removal of all cause of complaint, and a happy adjustment of the difficulty. It is to be hoped that nothing will occur to prevent the fulfillment of the promise.

2. As to co-operation as presented in the Report, pages 7 and 8, your committee think no formal resolution is called for at present from the Synod. The policy of our Church was settled many years ago. The Church and the Board must await and follow the indications of Divine Providence. To force unity before things are in readiness, would only prepare the way for future disintegration and separation. To stand in the way of it when the Master seems to call for it, would be a crime against His cause.

3. The Board reports the holding of a general Missionary Conference and a series of District Conferences, in accordance with the recommendation of the last Synod. It speaks hopefully of results. It submits to this Synod the matter of similar conferences during this year. To your Committee it is clear that one year's trial is not enough to test this method of awakening in the Church permanent increase of interest and beneficence. Spasmodic efforts are not healthful ; are rather exhaustive and weakening in their reaction. These confer-

ences are designed to permanently increase the gifts of the followers of our Saviour, "God's unspeakable gift to the world," by enlarging their knowledge of the work done, and to be done, and by deepening their sense of responsibility of obligation, and of privilege. Your Committee would respectfully submit to the Board only one suggestion, that new places be chosen and new speakers be sought, and be gathered from different sections of the Church. If the expense should be greater, the advantages will more than compensate.

4. The Board reports the sending of reinforcements, appointments, and new applications. Six have gone to Japan ; one to India, a daughter of Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., who, with his wife, has been recommissioned to resume the work of their youth ; an appointment in which the Synod and the Church must greatly rejoice. May our gracious Lord grant them the desire of their heart and permit them for many years to talk of Jesus in the Tamil tongue in the land of the East.

Applications have been received from a student in the Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., from a practicing physician in Baltimore, Md., and from six young men who desire to enter into the work within two or three years. These applications are full of cheer and courage and assure the Church that the Master will not fail to provide laborers in answer to her prayers.

The Report tells likewise of the cry, urgent and powerful, for more and still more laborers from every field, for educational work, for medical work, and strictly missionary work. Every person knows that the work once fairly inaugurated and in progress must soon grow too great for the original corps of workers. They must be added to from time to time and the vacant places in the ranks must at the same time be filled. In fact a reserve force should be constantly in process of training and preparation, from which to draw as the exigencies of the work may demand.

Why, then, it may be asked, are those not sent who make application ? Why decline to commission them and forward them to their fields ?

The answer leads directly to the

5. Financial aspect of the work. They are not sent, simply because there is no money ; nay, worse, the treasury is overdrawn \$17,000. This fact obtains, because, notwith-

standing all the efforts of the Board, and of the Woman's Board, 105 Churches gave nothing; because many members gave nothing; because not a few Churches contributed only a mere pittance; because generally professing Christians do not see on their entire substance, written by the finger of Jesus Christ with his own precious blood, "Holiness to the Lord." This ought to be the supreme conviction of every blood-bought heir to the Kingdom and the Crown.

The Board says it needs \$100,000 this year. Of this \$17,000 is for the deficiency between income and expenses; in other words the debt. But you say, what right has the Board to have a debt? Simply the right that grows out of the failure of the Church to give the money to pay for the work it has ordered, and for unavoidable, unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. At the request of your Committee the Secretary of the Board kindly gave us in detail the items in the appropriations for the several fields. Your Committee are satisfied that the Board should have the amount named. The day has come for the employment of this sum. Nor should the Church close its eyes to the certainty that the continuance of a like measure of prosperity, through the Divine blessing upon the work, will necessitate the use of even a larger sum at no distant day. It seems, indeed, a very large amount; yet we think no one can thoughtfully read the record of the work, its present need and its future promise, and not feel that our Reformed Church is sacredly, solemnly called of God to this exalted privilege. Can it be done? We believe it can. How? Simply by every Minister and every member doing the duty assigned by God. No Board, no Secretary, no Committee, can tell any man in detail by what methods any given work should be done in the field for which he is responsible. Each man must determine for himself. Only let it be remembered that the work will not do itself. It must be done by somebody by some method. In some way let the people be educated to understand and realize that they and their children, their silver and gold "belong to our faithful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." In some way let them see the growing greatness of the work, and the continuing need of more money and more workers yearly and every year, if the millions of heathens in the fields under the care of our Church are to be rescued from perishing and introduced into

the fold of "the good Shepherd." In some way let the appeal quicken the sympathies and arouse the yearning tenderness and Christly feeling of the Christian hearts that worship at our altars. In some way let pastors and people lie low before the Cross and gaze upon the crucified Son of God—"the price all price beyond" paid for the ransom of our guilty, lost world which "God so loved," and then say whether 80,000 communicants or 45,000 families, ought to give and will give \$100,000 in this year of our Lord to proclaim "the old, old story of Jesus and His love" to those that "sit in darkness and the shadow of death." In some way let every man, woman and child be constrained to give to the measure of ability, which is the summit of privilege and the limit of obligation. Then will the year close with our banner flying joyfully in God's free air, and bearing the inscription, *for Christ and His cause one hundred thousand dollars*. Shall this General Synod raise this banner to-day over the Cross of our Jesus? Shall these Ministers and Elders carry it with them from these high places of our Zion, call attention to it, tell others about it, and plead for it over and over again in melting entreaty, and so give assurance that it will be carried to victory amid songs and thanksgivings to our Lord? We know the hearts of our people are in sympathy with Christ in love for souls and in desire for the coming of His Kingdom. Ye leaders of Israel, help and show them how to give practical and substantial expression to this sympathy.

The Report of the Woman's Board has also been placed in our hands. It gives a clear and succinct statement of its work during the year. It reports 25 new auxiliaries, making the total 158. It reports also the publication bi-monthly of the beautiful "Mission Gleaner," at the subscription-price of 25 cents a year. A number of auxiliaries have given it cordial welcome, and in their reports bear emphatic testimony to its excellence, and its power in deepening the interest in their meetings and work. It cannot fail to reach the hearts of the mothers and daughters of our Church and enlist their efficient efforts for their sisters in heathenism with all its enslavement and degradation of woman. This Report, with the accompanying papers and reports from auxiliaries, deserves a very careful reading by every one who would have broad and intelligent

views of the work. We hope it will be widely circulated and studied.

We congratulate this Board upon the work it has accomplished, and its prospects for increasing usefulness. We earnestly hope that all our Churches may co-operate in this good work. We trust that its auxiliaries will not "grow weary in well doing." We pray our gracious Master to command His richest blessing, and "establish the work of their hands." Let every follower of our King, Jesus, have faith and keep courage ; for

"The banner of the Cross shall float from every mountain crest,
For He must reign o'er all the earth, by all their king confessed."

As formulating the views presented we submit the following resolutions.

Resolved. 1. That the Synod recognizes with devout gratitude and thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church the large measure of success that has attended the labors of our brethren and sisters in the several missions of our Church: a measure so great as to call imperatively for more prayer, for larger offerings from the friends of Christ in the Church at home ; and for large and speedy increase of laborers, and especially for reinforcements to the field at Amoy, to which have been sent only two new helpers in thirteen years.

2. That it be recommended to the Board to hold, if practicable, conferences similar to those of last year ; and the several Classes be requested to cooperate as per resolutions of last year ; see Minutes of Synod, p. 344.

3. That the Sabbath preceding the day on which the General Conference is held, be appointed as a day of special prayer by the entire Church for this cause.

4. That the President and stated Clerk of Synod be appointed a special Committee to consider the resolution on page 8 of the Report of the Board relative to devoting a half day each to Foreign and Domestic Missions at every session of Synod, and report to the next Synod as to its practicability and advisability, and, if favorable, what changes are necessary in the rules of Synod.

5. That the Synod thankfully testifies to the great and good work accomplished by the Woman's Board, commends it cordially to our Churches, and fervently prays for it Divine guidance and benediction.

6. That we feel the importance of employing the power of the press at home as well as abroad, and recommend to all our people the Sower and Mission Monthly, and also the Mission Gleaner published by the Woman's Board, from whose pages they may gather every month the most recent tidings from the front, how the battle is progressing with the embattled hosts of superstition and idolatry.

7. That \$100,000 be proposed and recommended to the Pastors, Consistories and members of our churches and congregations as our offering for this year, to be laid at the feet of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, for His cause among our neighbors, our brothers and sisters, in China, in India, and in Japan.

At the suggestion of the Elders of the Committee we add.

8. That the pastors, to whom the people look for information and counsel, for leadership, be earnestly entreated to use their utmost ability and influence to raise the standard of benevolence and call forth the full measure of ability among their people.

9. That the Pastors, Superintendents and Teachers use their best efforts to enlist the army of children and youth in our Sabbath Schools in this cause, and awaken their enthusiasm in carrying forward the banner of the children's friend and Saviour.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GILES H. MANDEVILLE, *Chairman*.
JOHN K. ALLEN,
W. W. SCUDDER,
EDO KIP,
GEORGE STEWART.

Resolved, that the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to incorporate in its subsequent reports a detailed statement of its expenditures.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. Wm. H. Steele, D.D. Rev. Theodore B. Romeyn, D.D.

“ A. R. Thompson, D.D. Hon. L. A. Brigham,

“ Lewis Francis, A. V. W. Van Vechten, Esq.

“ Wm. R. Duryee, D.D. Mr. Augustus S. Whiton.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Fifty-second Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, with the Treasurer's report, was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions, the part relating to vacancies being referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The evening of Tuesday, the seventh day, was appropriated to Domestic Missions. The report of the Committee on Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund was read and accepted. The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Jacob West, addressed the Synod, and was followed by Rev. J. W. Warnshuis and others.

The Report was then adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Domestic Missions respectfully report.

Your Committee have had referred to them :

I. The Fifty-second Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions ; *and*

II. A petition, from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, requesting the appointment of a capable agent, "to attend to the organization and development of Churches wherever opportunity shall be present, or it shall be deemed advisable."

The Report of the Board is of more than ordinary interest. Its language is that of thankfulness and hope. It recounts progress, in nearly every respect, unsurpassed by that of any previous year. The marks of progress are : the building of sixteen churches and eight parsonages, nearly all of them completed ; the organization of seven new churches ; the assumption of self support by six churches ; and general spiritual prosperity, evidenced by an increase of more than 50 per cent. in the number of communicants received on confession. No small part of these results, especially as regards the erection of parsonages, is due to the efficient co-operation of the Woman's Executive Committee. They report sixty-one auxiliaries engaged in earnest work, and a steadily increasing and more enlightened interest among the women of the Church.

The Report of the Board calls attention to wide inviting fields, far exceeding, as yet, the ability of the Board to occupy ; fields from which urgent appeals continually come ;

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and which gives promise of immediate and large results, if we will but enter in and reap the waiting harvest.

The Report of the Treasurer shows only a small advance in the contributions of the churches for the general work of the Board ; but an increase of \$8,428 in the amount contributed to the Church Building Fund. This gratifying increase was largely in contributions for specified objects; and was through the Women's Auxiliary Societies.

The indebtedness of the Church Building Fund is \$5,983.12. The balance to the credit of Domestic Missions is \$4,911.78; leaving a net indebtedness of \$1,071.34; or, about \$40.00 more than was reported last year.

The total contributions for all purposes, general and special, amounted to a little more than \$36,000.

This is an average of about forty-five cents a year for each communicant.

That this represents the ability of the Church, or its devotion, if the urgency of the work is understood by the people, as our pastors should cause it to be understood, your Committee do not believe.

There is a failure, we fear, on the part of some pastors to recognize the sacredness of their personal responsibility for the execution of the excellent resolutions of our ecclesiastical assemblies. There is a failure, we fear, not only to keep the people well informed as to the importance and needs of the work, but also to give them faithful teaching as to the imperative obligation of those principles of beneficence, which the Scriptures inculcate and which our Lord exemplified. We cannot otherwise explain *all* the blanks, and *some* of the scarcely less humiliating records which appear so constantly in the tabular statement of receipts.

We do not doubt that a quickened sense of personal responsibility, and an increased faithfulness on the part of each of our ministers, would bring quick relief to all our Boards from every burden of debt, and would give prompt triumphant answer to all questions as to the possible growth of our Church to any desired extent.

One reply to the question—why, with all our early advantages, we have failed to keep pace with our sister churches in church extension? is this: that we have never given the attention to this work which they have given. Year by year, their ex-

penditures for Domestic Missions and Church Extension have been kept steadily up near to, and, in some cases, above those for Foreign Missions. This our Reformed Church has uniformly refused to do. Wisely, perhaps, if we are to die. Unwisely, if we are to live, and grow, and have enlarging resources wherewith to meet increasing demands. We have sowed sparingly; and we reap sparingly. We are ever widening the bed of the stream. We must proportionately augment, not choke up, the source. May this westward movement of our Synod be the sign of advance along the whole line; our beloved Church moving on, not "majestically slow," as we used to sing, but as this city, in which we meet, itself suggests, with a grand rapidity.

Your Committee have had the pleasure of meeting, in conference, the Church Extension Committee of the Particular Synod of Chicago.

We attended with care to frank and full expressions of opinion by those, of all men, most competent to judge of the exigencies and prospects of our Western work. Little hope was expressed as regards the successful prosecution and maintenance of this work, if only present methods are used and existing agencies employed. It is regarded as of vital importance that a capable missionary agent be employed, as requested by the Particular Synod of New Brunswick; or, what is still more desired, that at least two itinerant missionaries be appointed, one for Michigan and one for north-western Iowa and Dakota.

Your Committee were informed that one-half of the salary and all the traveling expenses of such missionaries would probably be paid by the Classes within whose bounds they might labor.

It was also stated that there are churches within the Synod of Chicago which have no prospect of becoming self-sustaining, but which require men and means greatly needed elsewhere, for work assuredly successful.

In view of the foregoing facts and considerations, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod receives with joy and thankfulness the record of a year of unusual prosperity.

2. *Resolved*, That we recognize with high appreciation, the efficient co-operation of the Woman's Auxiliary Societies, and recommend the organization of such societies in all our Churches.

3. *Resolved*, That we request the Classes to give such attention to our Domestic Missionary work as may be needed to secure regular and increased contributions from every Church.

4. *Resolved*, That we regard the achievement of this result as depending, largely, upon the sense of personal responsibility therefor on the part of the ministers; and upon their faithfulness in inculcating and exemplifying the principles of conscientious, systematic Christian beneficence.

5. *Resolved*, That the Church Building Fund should receive particular attention as of vital consequence to the prosecution of the work of Church extension.

6. *Resolved*, That we urge all the Classes to exercise the greatest care in recommending churches for aid from the Board; in every case declining such recommendations for churches in places otherwise supplied with the means of grace, unless there is reasonable hope of the churches thus aided becoming self-sustaining within a few years.

7. *Resolved*, That in all the Holland Churches, applying for aid from the Board of Domestic Missions, it be a condition of granting this aid, that such a portion of the Sunday services, as may be satisfactory to the Board, shall be in the English language, unless the Board shall deem this requirement to be unnecessary.

8. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Board of Domestic Missions the immediate appointment of at least two missionaries, as indicated in the body of this Report, unless such appointments be wholly impracticable.

9. *Resolved*, That except so far as the preceding action may answer the petition of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, it is expedient at this time to grant the request.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. COLLIER,
D. N. VANDERVEER, J
J. W. WARNSHUIS,
H. VAN BUSKIRK.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board.

Rev. Abraham Thompson,	Rev. David Waters, D.D.,
“ E. W. Bentley, D.D.,	Hon. Wm. H. Kirk,
“ Alfred H. Brush,	Mr. Thomas Welling,
“ Goyn Talmage, D.D.,	“ G. E. Winants.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

The Committee on these Funds presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Widows' Fund beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's Report and from it deduce the following statement.

I. WIDOWS FUND.

Cr.

By balance from last account.....	\$59,226 19
“ cash received from Churches during the year..	1,316 81
“ “ “ “ “ where the amount is to be applied to the credit of Pastors..	805
“ one-half of annual payments made by clergy- men, as per amended rules.....	642 50
“ three per cent. on the aggregate amount of sums paid by clergymen at one time, (\$4,000) as per amended rules.....	120
“ principal sums received from three clergymen.	1,500
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	\$63,610 50

Dr.

To cash withdrawn and refunded.....	90
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By balance on hand.....	\$63,520 50

WIDOWS' FUND INCOME.

Cr.

By balance from last account	\$5,523 82
“ cash from Ministers in payment of annual dues	1,285
“ “ received for interest during the year....	3,323 53

Dr. \$10,132 35

To cash paid annuitants.....	\$3,769 17
“ salary of Treasurer.....	250
“ amount carried to principal Fund	120
“ “ being one-half of annual payments by clergymen.....	642 50
“ balance on hand.....	5,350 35

\$10,132 35

II. DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

A summary of the figures here is as follows :

Cr.

By balance from last account.....	\$3,753 66
“ cash received from Churches during the year..	2,452 06
“ “ “ for interest during the year....	3,252 35

Dr. \$9,458 07

To cash paid out in appropriations.....	\$5,220
“ Salary of Treasurer.....	175 08
Balance on hand.....	4,062 99

\$9,458 07

The principal of this Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer of the General Synod is \$53,267.28.

There is evidently a growing interest in the Widows' Fund on the part of the Ministry of the Church which we hail with delight, and our prayer and desire is that the Churches also may awake to its importance. The Ministry is not a money making profession. He who enters it turns his back upon the wide opened doors of worldly gain and emolument. And like other men the Minister grows old. In God's providence change and decay come to him as they come upon all

men. Not seldom before even his eye grows dim or his natural force is abated he is disabled and laid aside, and with his ability to labor destroyed his income ceases. Too busy, too absorbed in the duties of his high calling, he has failed during the years of his activity to make provisions for the days of his age or his enforced disuse and idleness. He must look want in the face and that with only an eye of faith to sustain his hope. For this state of things, the Widows' Fund and the Disabled Ministers' Fund undertake to provide. They come to bring hope and cheer, to confirm faith and speak peace. In its business aspect the Widows' Fund is the Life Insurance Company of the Church. But it is more than that. It has a flexibility and an elasticity about it which no other Insurance Company has. It allows the Church to pay its premiums and has the Church as the sponsor of what it promises to pay. And does the Church know the importance of its position? We fear not. And we confess that we see no practical method of awakening its attention. "What is everybody's business is nobody's business," is an adage directly in point here. Until the Classes shall see to it that somebody is duly commissioned to visit the churches and instruct and arouse them to the vast importance of this Fund, we must be content to let it drag its halting way along.

The Synod of 1882 passed a resolution authorizing and empowering the Treasurer of General Synod to increase the allowances of the several annuitants 10 per cent. for the current year, and so long thereafter as the moneys of the Fund shall warrant it. To this direction, though made in accordance, as we believe, with the provisions of the Fund, no response has been made. Your Committee would repeat this action and ask the Treasurer of General Synod that, if in his judgment it be fitting and there be no legal obstacles in the way, he divide the surplus accordingly.

Resolved, That the Widows' Fund be commended to the churches of the several Classes as deserving of their patronage and their prayers, and that they be asked to take annual collections in its behalf.

Resolved, That the Synod regards with special interest the Disabled Ministers' Fund, and commends it to the gifts and prayers of the Churches.

Resolved, That in view of the surplus income of the Widows' Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, he be authorized and empowered, if in his judgment it be fitting, and there be no legal obstacles in the way, to increase the allowances to the several annuitants who are receiving aid from this Fund, ten (10) per cent. for the current year and so long thereafter as the moneys of said Fund shall warrant it.

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. BENTLEY, *Chairman*.
THEODORE W. WELLS,
WALTER T. GRIFFIN,
JOHN DE BEVOISE.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Thirtieth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication, the part relating to vacancies being referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Publication presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee would respectfully report that there has been placed in their hands the Report of the Board of Publication. From that Report we gather the facts that the year just closed has been one of comparative prosperity; the Board being virtually self-sustaining, the increase of cash on hand and of stock exceeding in amount the collections from the Churches; that donations from the Churches have exceeded those of last year by the sum of \$292.50 (\$1,963.33 in all); and grants to the amount of \$473.81 have been made.

The publication of a Book—"The Reformed Church of the Netherlands traced from the year 1340 to 1840" by Rev. M. G. Hansen, a valuable addition to the literature of the Church, signalizes the year for the Board. "The Sower and Mission Monthly" continues its useful work, and has become very nearly self-sustaining (\$72.52 deficit). A revised edition of the Heidelberg Catechism has, by Synod's direction, been published.

The Sales of the Hymn Book "Christian Praise" have reached their 20th thousand.

The Book of Psalms for responsive reading in our Churches recommended by Synod, has been quite largely introduced, and awaits the action of the remaining Churches.

The Board by resolution appointed its President to address General Synod on their behalf, and request permission to print a new edition of the Compendium.

Now, therefore, your Committee would recommend the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That Synod expresses its confidence in the business management of the Board, and its satisfaction with the record of the year just closed.

2. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Churches be again called to the fact that it is to their and our advantage that they deal through our Board of Publication, as good facilities and as low prices as are attainable elsewhere being assured.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod recognizes appreciatively the conspicuous ability with which the "Sower and Mission Monthly" is conducted, and urges its claims upon all our Churches.

4. *Resolved*, That the request of the Board of Publication for permission to publish a new edition of the *Compendium*, be and is hereby granted ; and that in accordance with the appointment of the Board, their President, Rev. Dr. Gordon, be permitted to address the Synod in the interests of the Board at such time as this Synod may determine.

Respectfully submitted.

HERMAN C. BERG, *Chairman of Committee.*

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication.

Rev. A. J. Sebring,

" John Forsyth, D.D.,

" Edward A. Reed, D.D.,

" H. V. S. Myers,

Mr. G. Churchill,

" Isaac D. Demarest,

" I. Van Santvoord,

" Abm. De Bevoise.

CHURCH HYMNODY.

In reference to the use of Hymn Books in our Churches the following resolutions were received and referred to a special Committee to report at the next regular session of the General Synod.

Inasmuch as the General Synod has already endorsed the juvenile Hymn book of Rev. Charles S. Robinson, and have also virtually endorsed a very large majority of the hymns in the Social Hymns and Spiritual Songs of the same author in the several collections already in use, therefore

Resolved, That we endorse the whole series of said Hymn books, provided the publishers bind themselves to furnish an edition of the large book containing our liturgy and standards.

Resolved, That General Synod recognizes the very great desirability of a Church Hymn book that shall contain a wise selection from Christian Hymnody, include the standards of the Church, and be issued by the Board of Publication. The Committee consists of Rev. Edward A. Collier, Rev. John Hutchins, Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, and Elders Charles E. Kingsbury, and R. N. Perlee.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to publish the forms of the Church and the Catechism in large type for pulpit use.

DIGEST.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The General Synod of 1880 appointed a Committee in relation to a new Digest of the Minutes of the General Synod, made "according to the latest and most approved methods," to be "a complete exponent of the polity, methods, rules and regulations" of the Reformed Church in Holland and America, during the last three hundred years (p. 580, Minutes 1880); and

Whereas, that Committee has never reported in detail to General Synod ; and

Whereas, the Rev. E. T. Corwin, the Chairman of that Committee, has devoted much labor to the production of such a conspectus of the legislation of our Reformed Church during the past three centuries ; therefore,

Resolved, that this Synod learns with pleasure of the work done by Dr. Corwin in preparing a handbook of Constitutional and Synodical Legislation, and hereby requests the Board of Publication to negotiate with Dr. Corwin concerning its publication.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Synod fixed the hours of meeting and adjournment as follows : of meeting, 9 A. M., 2½ P. M., and 7¾ P. M., and of adjournment at 12 M., and 5½ P. M.

After the Synod was organized by the election of officers an address of welcome was delivered by the Pastor, Rev. Peter Moerdyke. Rev. Dr. Samuel Graves, of the Baptist Church, also welcomed the Synod on behalf of the clergy and people of Grand Rapids, and the President responded.

The bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

It being found that the Church in which the Synod had assembled was too small for all its meetings, an invitation from the Second Church was accepted, and the Synod resolved to hold its subsequent sessions in that place.

The bar of the house was designated. The afternoon of the first day, after the transaction of business, was spent in devotional exercises.

The first half hour of each morning session, after calling the roll, was devoted to prayer and praise.

The following were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises and Pulpit Supplies :—Rev. John Steele, Rev. James Le Fevre, and Elder G. E. Winants, with Rev. Peter Moerdyke, and the pastors of the other Reformed Churches.

On the afternoon of the second day, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. The President presided and offered prayer. Rev. Charles I. Shepard read the Scriptures, Rev. H. C. Berg offered prayer, Rev. Wm. B. Voorhees read the Form, Rev. J. W. Beardslee administered the bread, and Rev. C. E. Crispell the cup; prayer was offered again by Rev. A. J. Sebring, and the benediction was pronounced by the President. Elders William H. Kirk, R. N. Perlee, R. H. Veghte, William H. Crosby, John De Mott, and John W. Ferdon, assisted.

The Committee appointed last year to secure reduced rates of travel reported through Elder P. S. Danforth, that a concession granting a reduction of three-fourths on the return trip had been secured. The report was accepted with the thanks of the Synod.

The Synod adopted a resolution inviting clergymen of the city who might be present to occupy seats on the floor of the house.

A very cordial invitation was presented by Rev. Thomas Walker Jones from a committee composed of representatives of Hope College, the Churches of the Classis of Holland, and the Reformed Churches of the City of Holland, to visit that city and accept their hospitalities in connection with a free excursion. The Synod accepted the invitation, and, as Saturday, June 7th, was designated by the Committee, took a recess from Friday evening until Monday morning.

The members of the Synod with their friends were met on their arrival at Holland by gentlemen of the Committee, who escorted them to the College grounds, where they were received by the Faculty and Students, the Classis and a large number of friends. After prayer by Rev. Philip Phelps, D.D., and music by the choir and students, addresses of welcome were delivered by the President, Rev. Charles Scott, D.D., Rev. P. Lepeltak, and Mr. D. J. Hekhuis a member of the junior class.

To these the President of the Synod responded. An original ode composed for the occasion was also sung. After inspecting the College buildings, partaking of a beautiful repast, and enjoying a sail on the lake, the Synod returned.

The following resolution was subsequently adopted in Synod :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and are herewith most heartily tendered to the President, Faculty, and Students of Hope College, and to the numerous friends of the Reformed Church in Holland City for the most marked courtesies, and unstinted hospitalities received at their hands, and to the Committee of Arrangements through whose judicious management nothing was left undone to make the day long to be remembered by all who participated in the festivities of the occasion.

After the adoption of this resolution a proposition was made by Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, to purchase a residence for the President of Hope College. The Synod took a recess for the purpose of allowing voluntary contributions to be offered for this object. The sum of \$3,100 was subscribed for the purchase of the residence, with \$17 additional for insurance, and the sum of \$625 besides to be added to the endowment ; also

one subscription of \$500 for the same object to be paid in five annual payments of \$100 each, on the first day of July of each year. It was

Resolved, That should there be any surplus moneys of the Fund contributed by this Synod for the purchase or building of a house for the President of Hope College, that they be placed to the endowment of the Presidential chair in the same College. It was

Resolved, That the title to the property to be purchased be in the General Synod, and that all the money subscribed for this purpose be transmitted to the Treasurer of Synod.

The following communication was received, and ordered on the Minutes :

We, the undersigned, members of the Classis of Holland and members of the Council and Faculty of Hope College, present on the floor of this General Synod, hereby do express to the Synod our heartfelt gratitude for the liberal subscriptions towards the building of a residence for the President of Hope College, and for the general endowment, as also for the exertions of the Rev. Dr. Hartley in this behalf.

N. M. STEFFENS,
C. DOESBURG,
HENRY E. DOSKER,
JOHN VAN DER MEULEN,
T. ROMEYN BECK,
P. LEPELTAK.

June 12, 1884.

CHURCH LAWS.

The venerable James Anderson, M.D., the only surviving member of a Committee on Church Laws, appointed by the General Synod several years ago, presented the following report.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

DEAR BRETHREN :—Your Committee on Church Law report that they have sent communications to the Legislatures of four (4) Western States without any results, and ask that the Committee be discharged. Since our last report the

Hon. D. P. Ingraham, and the Hon. Robert H. Pruyn, members of the Committee, have died.

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES ANDERSON, M.D., *Chairman*.

May 30, 1884.

The report was accepted, and the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to convey to Dr. Anderson the thanks of the Synod for his efforts towards securing legislation relating directly to the interests of the Church.

ARTICLE XXII.

RELIGIOUS AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The following Report was presented and adopted :

The Committee on Benevolent Institutions respectfully report to the Synod that no papers have been put into their hands, nor other matters submitted to them for action.

GEO. S. BISHOP, *Chairman*.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the contributions made during the year ending April 30th, 1884, by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by the General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.

[See Synod's Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Bidding Fund.
Classis of Albany.							
First, Albany.....	64 70	105	375	.....	20	20	24 70
Madison Avenue.....	70	468 89	1432	.....	43 78	43 78	946 72
Third, Albany.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth, Albany.....	8	10	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holland, Albany.....	6	18 55	36 06	.....	.....	.....	.....
First, Bethlehem.....	10 74	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second, Bethlehem.....	12	45 02	47 01	.....	.....	.....	10
Second, Berne.....	.....	1 85	3 66	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knox.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	4 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coeymans.....	12	95 14	95 14	.....	4 50	4 43	.....
Jerusalem.....	8 50	7 13	3 14	1 77	1 16	1 16	6
New Salem.....	4 29	25 88	32 52	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onesquethaw.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Baltimore.....	9 64	31 50	81 02	9 30	.....	.....	.....
Westerlo.....	.....	.....	24 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Bergen.							
English Neighborhood.....	.....	7 50	20	.....	20	10	5
First, Hackensack.....	.....	75	540	.....	.....	.....	75
Schraalenburgh.....	30 33	32 66	103 70	.....	20	.....	119
New Durham.....	26 83	18	85 76	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park Ref., Jersey City.....	10 64	12 14	122 89	7 11	50	13 94	.....
First, Hoboken.....	.....	12 80	16 03	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Bergen.....	30	20	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second, Hackensack.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 70
Third, Hackensack.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ger. Evan., Hoboken.....	23 25	26 05	22 67	.....	.....	.....	.....
Closter City.....	.....	12	18 73	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palisades.....	5	32 56	19 35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guttenburg.....	.....	14 50	4 35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Ave., J. City.....	9 50	10	9 86	2	20	3	2
Secaucus.....	.....	.....	8 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherry Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Classis of Bergen.							
Bergen.....	23 85	197 22	564	18 28	7 68	9 41	159 65
First, Jersey City.....	.....	20 45	49 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
First, Bayonne.....	24	25 19	125	15 27	.....	.....	.....
Second, Jersey City.....	15 62	73 45	255 38	5 24	20	5 90	108 73

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of Bergen.							
(CONTINUED.)							
First, Van Vorst.....							100
Bergen Point.....		100					
Second, Hudson City.....	17	22	10	9			
Lafayette.....	25	75	302	5	5	15	12
Greenville.....	7 55	20 60	112 44				20 24
Free, Jersey City.....		15					
Third, Bayonne.....							
1st G. Evan., J. City.....							
South Bergen.....	1 32	23 88	4 94	1 52	1 06	1 06	9 27
St. John's E., Bergen.....							
Classis of Cayuga.							
Canastota.....		12 40					
Cicero.....	2 85						12 36
Chittenango.....	8	41	44			5	
Naumberg.....	10	10					
New Bremen.....		3					
Owasco.....							
Owasco Outlet.....	17 60	10	7 07	6 45			10
Syracuse.....	8 05	235 70	501		9 02	9 51	200
Thousand Isles.....		6	24				10
Christ Church, Utica.....	20 28	56 39	317 89	28 47			94 50
West Leyden.....	3 75	6 66	6				8
Point Rock.....							
Classis of Geneva.							
Abbe Church.....	8 84	5 65	48 66				10
Arcadia.....	2 16						
Cato.....							
Caroline.....							
Clymer.....	6 40	16 60	38 70	4 75			
Dunkirk.....							
East Williamson.....	11 25	15 98	44 12	6 50	7 36	7 64	7 55
Fair Haven.....							
Farmer Village.....	11	23 96	60 33				
Geneva.....			10				10
Lodi.....	12 32	72 59	95 30	9 21	4 66	12 32	
Marion.....	11 25	11	33 25				9 50
Mina.....	3 54	2 71	2 39		2 50		
Pultneyville.....	4 40	10 64	33 20				6 76
Rochester.....	22 70	20 35	229 80				19 15
Tyre.....		37	27 69		4 28	4 28	7 14
Classis of Grand River.							
Detroit.....		11	18 39				
Fremont Centre.....							
1st, Grand Haven.....	30 47	28 32	150 67		22 65		
2d, Grand Haven.....	28	10	82			10	
3d, Grand Rapids.....	100	105 50	278 50			20	
3d, Grand Rapids.....	18 85	15	63 75				9 80
4th, Grand Rapids.....	15	26 13	42 25	5		5	5
Grandville.....	4 50	21	27 50				45 50
Kalamazoo.....	13	35 52	188 09				
Montague.....							
Muskegon.....	39 55	26 52	171 35				44
Polkton.....							
South Haven.....		5					
Spring Lake.....	26		8				6 70
Twin Lakes.....	7 75	6 30	13 19				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene.							
First, Athens.....	10	55	128 10	5	.....	.....	5
Second, Athens.....	49 79	.....	129 94	37	17	.....	97
First, Catskill.....	19 79	42 14	97 92	3 05	2 55	2 55	4 25
First, Coxsackie.....	12 18	118 53	232 76	.....	.....	.....	55 80
Second, Coxsackie.....	12	59 90	79 95	9	5 45	10	25
Kiskatom.....	.....	23 80	.....	.....	3 25	3 25	2
Leeds.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Holland.							
Beaverdam.....	8 50	12	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland.....	.....	6 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Drenthe.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Overysse.....	24 55	7	40 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fynaart.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graafschap.....	33 48	29 68	135 14	.....	20	.....	11 57
1st, Holland.....	19 18	20 53	95 72	.....	.....	.....	.....
3d, Holland.....	.....	12	69	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamestown.....	.....	.....	32 75	.....	.....	.....	16 25
North Holland.....	84 91	45 69	254 41	27 37	.....	.....	.....
Overysse.....	7 68	14 45	14 95	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rotterdam.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saugatuck.....	13 17	25 06	32 34	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vriesland.....	64 75	38	409 72	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zabriskie.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zeeland.....	.....	.....	79 43	.....	.....	.....	.....
Three Oaks.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Blendon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1st and 3d, Holland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miss'y Convention of Classis.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Hudson.							
Hudson.....	27 63	113 75	578 52	22	17 88	.....	140
First Claverack.....	12	34 22	218 16	.....	20	.....	9
Second Claverack.....	25	25	85 67	.....	.....	.....	.....
Linlithgow.....	6	20	32 58	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenport.....	5	9 50	78 20	.....	.....	7 50	5 50
Germantown.....	7	10	19 50	.....	.....	.....	5
Upper Red Hook.....	13 60	45 92	263 59	.....	10	16 67	.....
West Copake.....	.....	.....	27 53	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gallatin.....	7 07	4 05	30 68	.....	.....	.....	.....
Livingston.....	.....	.....	42 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Illinois.							
Fair View.....	7 05	11 20	135 41	8 61	.....	11 10	28 34
First Pekin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Lake.....	2 35	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raritan.....	15	19 50	40	.....	.....	.....	30
Bushnell.....	.....	.....	57 39	.....	.....	.....	55
First Pella.....	11 20	16 70	140	.....	20	18 15	.....
Havana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Pella.....	10 05	12 04	171 60	4 84	3 50	3 50	4 29
Third Pella.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Otley.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange City.....	30 18	.....	.....	15 88	20	.....	29 89
Norris.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norwood Park.....	.....	16 50	21 22	.....	.....	.....	.....
Irving Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parkersburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Illinois.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Second Pekin.....	3 62	6 96					
Alton.....	16 20	22	31 47				94 43
West Branch.....	9 04	15	27				10
Manito.....			1 25				
Washington.....		13 50	13 50				
Dakota.....							
Turner.....							
North Orange.....							
Marion.....							
Banner.....							
Sioux Falls.....							
Douglas.....							
Classis of Kingston.							
Bloomington.....	4	10 80	4 26				
The Clove.....	21 04	15 91	75 31	5 29	4	4	6 54
Dashville Falls.....				6 45			
Guilford.....	5 50	8 70	10				
Hurley.....	7 27	49 11	105 96				
Kingston, 2d, Fair Street.....	10 84	54 30	95 50			16 69	9 42
Krumville.....		6 30	5 70				
Lyonsville.....							
Marbletown.....	4 60	12 17	32 56			7 81	
Marbletown, North.....	4 02	18	14				
New Paltz.....	15 57	59 65	285 92		14 53	15	54 62
Rochester.....		15 53	20				
Roseudale.....							
St. Remy.....	1 56	3 03		2 64	1 75	1 26	
N. Classis of L. Island.							
Jamaica.....	48 54	174 34	206 55	27	20	8 50	32 63
Newtown.....	17 05	96 49	94 79	9 37	12	11 21	7 05
Oyster Bay.....	7 25	38 24	45 65	6 25	9 33		8 86
North Hempstead.....	8 74	10 68	22 89	9 50	7 14	10 61	8 88
Williamsburgh.....		56					
Astoria.....	14 35	150 10	202 20	15 20	9 40	9 40	16
Flushing.....	11 50	75 30	133 95				21 51
Greenpoint.....	32 59	56 01	224 43		8 50	8 61	
South Bushwick.....			66 13				
Second Astoria.....	10	15	14				5
East Williamsburgh.....			17 78				
Queens.....	18 34	160 57	164 18	9 17		10 38	12 49
German Ev., Brooklyn.....	45	44 65	46	3	6	6	5
Sayville.....	3	3 34	5 50	2 01	4 25	3 87	3 60
Locust Valley.....							
College Point.....	5 92	44 80	225 72	9 40	8 22	4 01	6 69
Laurel Hill.....							
First Ref., L. I. City.....							100
Bushwick.....			21				
German Ev., Jamaica.....	2 50	15	13	1	1 50	1 50	2 50
Jericho.....							
S. Classis of L. Island.							
Brooklyn.....	333 23	575 24	719 42	37 54	26	26 35	211 41
Flatbush.....	840 13	301	1393 50		22 42	23 43	24 93
Mission.....							10
New Utrecht.....		318	420 26				62 16
Gravesend.....	30 50	124 16	201 90	20 84	12	12	34
Flatlands.....	98 22	176 12	64 91	30 11	8 77	13 46	16 36

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of L. Island.							
(CONTINUED.)							
New Lots.....	37 68	67	161 16	12 33	20		725
East New York.....		40	89 50	12 20		13 65	40 55
South Brooklyn.....	30 11	113 15	89 25		5 81	5 81	89 72
Middle ".....	12 15		45 25			36 87	48 76
12th St., ".....	55 60	70 63	135 02	18 90		13 54	54 58
North ".....		9	10				
Church on Heights.....	360	603 26	1744 02	96 94	70	143 89	584 73
New Brooklyn.....	10	20	21 80	2 60	3	3	18
Bedford.....	14	17	55	13		3	5
Second Flatbush.....	2	4 26	2		84	84	2 75
Canarsie.....	3 50	3 50	3 50				
St. Thomas, West Indies.....			15				
Classis of Michigan.							
Centreville.....	12 79	9 14	33 27				5
Constantine.....	20	25	40				
De Spelder.....	1 10	10	2 75	1 85	1 82		2 13
Grand Rapids.....	4	74 69	99 94				
Hope, 2d Holland.....		20 78	11 17				
Macon.....			4				
Porter.....							
South Bend.....	3 60	9 60	5 70	1 70	2 05	2	8 45
South Macon.....		5	4 75				
Pittsford.....		10					5
Classis of Monmouth.							
First, Freehold.....		25 45	19				16
Holmdel.....	10	70 83	200 11	14 62	12 95	12 38	65
Spotswood.....	4	5	7 45				1 76
Middletown.....	3	19 88	33 88	2	2 12	3 12	5
Second, Freehold.....	18 01	22 57	184 92	19 95			35 95
First, Long Branch.....	9 25	22 48	25		4 78	4 78	4
Keypoint.....							
Colts Neck.....	7 34	22 04	73 61	8 82	4 20	4 44	13 93
Highlands.....		10					
Asbury Park.....							25
Second, Long Branch.....							
Classis of Montgomery.							
Auriesville.....	6	6 26	20			2 58	
Canajoharie.....	6 26	16 40	140	10 05			9 29
Columbia.....	7						
Cranesville.....							
Currytown.....		12 41	16 62				
Ephratah.....							
Florida.....	14	17	54		10	6	6
Fonda.....	11 75	128 31	287 50		20	22	45 10
Fort Plain.....	28	26	53			25	16
Fort Herkimer.....							
Fultonville.....	18 25	32 34	65 07	8 25		12 59	8 12
Glen.....	10	31 58	36 79		3	2 50	
Hagaman's Mills.....	29 21	30 92	84 96	9 75	8 72	12 20	11 76
Henderson.....							
Herkimer.....	22 47	44 71	82 83	2	2	2	45
Indian Castle.....							
Manheim.....							
Mapletown.....							
Mohawk.....							
Port Jackson.....	25 44	42 04		28 44			
St. Johnsville.....	3 58	11	32 87	2 85			
Spraker's Basin.....		2 57				3 25	
Stone Arabia.....							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Newark.							
Belleville.....		21 79	122 61	14 77	6 84	4 51	2
First, Newark.....	21 61	89 24	522 44	10 22	18 80	32 07	20 02
Irvington.....			12 10				
Second, Newark.....		114 80	137 51	7 65			112 58
Franklin.....			6 05				
North, Newark.....	50	6,742 18	6,565	50	100	100	600
West, Newark.....	5	5	3 60				
Clinton ave., Newark.....	148 40	227 96	496 91	11 83	14 78	14 77	17 86
East, Newark.....		13		9			
Linden.....		80	14 43				
Woodside.....			20				
Stone House Plains.....							
Orange.....	32 79	164 78	632 06	42 97	30 70	20 73	
Trinity, Plainfield.....	24 52	307 65	270 59	12 26	40	46 09	78 33
Classis New Brunswick.							
First, New Brunswick.....	46 69	332	282 58	63 50	13 55	30	121 62
Six Mile Run.....	23 21	209	284 72		13 05	14	67 96
Hillsborough.....		27 98	115 05	7 03	20		
Middlebush.....	11 76	80	135 85		20 00	4 82	47 25
Griggstown.....		40 61	76 10	3 78	5 56	3 26	45 62
2d, New Brunswick.....	64 32	143 58	1,033 03	23 42	20 97	20 97	69 47
Bound Brook.....		15 81	47 43				
Third, New Brunswick.....			26 10				
East Millstone.....	16 84	15 03	24 45	6 31			
Metuchen.....		5 25	7				
Classis of New York.							
New York (Collegiate).....	741 41	2,916 26	5,325 78	181 44	138 46	296 49	1,186 90
Harlem.....		156 81	221 36			63 53	27 86
South New York.....	60	412 32	1,141 01	40	50	51 55	42 63
Staten Island.....	40	40	94		27 75	27 75	10
Bloomington.....	2 65		12 29	2 65	20		
Madison Avenue.....	20	400 53	1,131 63	20	50	50	150 52
Thirty-fourth Street.....	22 11	20 30	99 08	17 55	20	10	16 39
German Ev. Mission.....	50	100	200	17	20	10	80
Richmond, Staten Is'ld.....				10			
Huguenots.....		24 42	5				2
St. Paul's, Mott Haven.....	11 30	121 70	138 22				
Union, High Bridge.....	26	40	194 87	8 50	7 50	22	67 20
Fourth German.....	5 50	66 75	37	5 25	5 50	5 50	5 50
Prospect Hill.....	25	154 87	235 50	10	9 79	9 79	18
Holland.....	2 63	13 37	22 04	3	4	2	2 50
Brookfield, Conn.....			2				
Avenue B, German Ev.....	4	5	7	3	4	5	2
Brighton Heights.....	17 17	45 53	145 19	23 44		29 15	34 52
Union, Sixth Avenue.....	11 06	46 85	98	6 10			25 50
German, Norfolk St.....	10	15	15	10	5	15	10
Mattoax & Amelia C.H.....		2					
Kreischerville, Stat. I.....	1	5	5	1	1	1	1
Orangeburg, S. C.....		1 60					50
Classis of Orange.							
Berea.....	11	17	20	8	10		9 50
Bloomington.....	8 18	11 43	16 68			2 7 64	
Callicoon.....		5					8
Claraville.....							
Cuddebackville.....		9 32	8 23				
Deerpark.....	19 08	190	294 73				28 24
Ellenville.....		45	96 20	10 19	7 75	7 78	11 02

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Orange.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Fallsburgh.....	5	15	41	6	7	5	5
Grahamville.....		7					
Kerhonkson.....			6				3
Mamakating.....	3	12	4				
Minuisink.....			4				
Montgomery.....	26 52	229 58	575				
Newburgh.....	11 88	32 85	291 37	9 72			25 36
New Hurley.....	35 17	44 43	25 14	25 13			
New Prospect.....		40 50	35 90			8 45	11 55
Shawangunk.....	10		23 50				13
Unionville.....							
Walden.....	16 60	90	145 25				
Walkill Valley.....	11		9 50				20
Walpack (Upper).....							
Walpack (Lower).....	8 93		21 32	6 09			2
Wawarsing.....	3 20	25 29	38 27	2 16	1	1	2 31
Classis of Paramus.							
Acquackanonck.....	35	109	700	15	20	10	40
Broadway, Paterson.....	9 65	14 22	276 62	5 46	7 05	3 28	
Centerville.....		17 73	154 66				
Clarkstown.....	30 55	115 29	90 79	11 32			
1st, Holland, Paterson.....	4 61	11 60	42 07	2	10	2 51	11 63
Holland, Lodi.....	2	2 50	5	2		2	
Holland, Passaic.....		8 60	60				
Holland, Wortendyke.....	2	3	25		3	3	4
Second, Lodi.....		5	15		2	2	2
North, Passaic.....	29 15	118 40	279		26 68	19 80	27 54
Nyack.....	128 60	279 60	680 14	9 87	32 67	27 28	140 27
Paramus.....	40 51	101 50	161 85				18 53
Pascack.....	8 08	7 50	42 62		2 92	2 92	6
Piermont.....		40	109 10				12
Ramapo.....	2 50	10	18	1			
Ramseys.....		2 50	5 50				
Ridgewood.....		15 40	35				
Saddle River.....		8 75	40 09				
Second Totowa.....	44	34 25	1,227 68	13 89	20	13	16 20
Spring Valley.....	7 03	3	100 52				
Tappan.....	8 34	15 06	76 50				6 12
Warwick.....	27 07	92 55	317 56	26 22	20	9 17	37 41
West New Hempstead.....	6 95	22 89	22 90				
Classis of Passaic.							
Boonton.....		10	82 28	5		5 50	
Fairfield.....		6	104 50				
Franklin Furnace.....			31 50				
Little Falls.....			37 63				
Montville.....		10	96				
6th Paterson, Holland.....			31 73	23 27			
Pompton Plains.....	9 60	93 62	302 25				
Pompton.....	15 11		147 47				
Ponds.....	2	5	20	2	1	2	5
Preakness.....	11 32	11 32	68 10				12 10
First, Totowa.....	3 52	14 25	194 06		5 35	4	
Union Reformed.....		16 37	42 03				5
Wyckoff.....	3	12 63	63 15	1	20		

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Saratoga.							
Boght.....		5	20				
Bushkirks.....		30	45				
Cohoes.....	35	100	162 50			25	
Easton.....		2					
Fort Miller.....	4	10	10	3 00	5	5	10
Gansevoort.....		5 57	10				
Northumberland.....	10	10	22 50		20	10	
Rensselaer.....							
Saratoga.....	16 05	17 37	19 84	10 17	11 98	8	7 56
Schaghticoke.....	4	6	16				
Union Village.....		14	33 50				
West Troy.....	10 32	70 24	200		14 48	22 81	12 80
West Troy (South).....	17 29	132 05	346 61	11 07	20	20 78	103 72
Wynantskill.....		20	5				
Classis of Schenectady.							
First, Schenectady.....	16 80		212 39			43 25	9 18
Second, Schenectady.....		57 61	86 87				5
First, Glenville.....	10	77	124 59	10	10 ..	10	10
Second, Glenville.....	1 87	3 97	37 79		3 15		
First, Rotterdam.....	7	11 30	10 50		6 00		
Second, Rotterdam.....			16 04				
Helderberg.....			10				
Niskayuna.....	15	44 59	132 90	9	5	10	10
Lisha's Kill.....	8 44	11 44	17 08	3	5 63		
Amity.....	2 69	33	45				
Princeton.....	8	6 90	12				10 65
Classis of Schoharie.							
Schoharie.....	15 50	19 06	56				
Middleburgh.....	7	10	42 10				
Gallupville.....	7 50	4	28	2	2	2	16
Berne.....	8	33 70	285 52				
Beaverdam.....	2	4 30	12 05				
Lawyersville.....			24				
Schoharie Mountain.....	3 04	5 42	6 30				
North Blenheim.....		5 12	10 15				
Breakabin.....			3 58				
Sharon.....		7	11				50
Gilboa.....	5		7				8
Central Bridge.....			3 34				
Prattsville.....			13 36				
Moresville.....							
South Gilboa.....							
Classis of Ulster.							
Blue Mountain.....	7 70	6 05	12 50	5 33			
Caatsban.....	12	50	294 55	7 25	3 75	3 82	7 50
Esopus.....				4 00			
Flatbush.....	2 65	14 31	67 46		1 26	2 50	
Kingston.....	50	156 43	527 87				9 42
North Esopus.....	3 82	61 99	109 30	2 50	2 77	5	2 50
Plattekill.....	5 69		35 35				
Roxbury.....		8 83	8 83				
Saugerties.....	52 93	40 29	317 31				
Shandaken.....							
Shokan.....		24 59					
Stewartville.....		3 15					
West Hurley.....		11 85	6 15				
Woodstock.....	3 80	7 16	8 64		2 40		
Wiltwyck.....	3 63	8 85	73 13		3 21		3 52

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Westchester.							
Bronxville	11 89	36 05	124 48	8 22	10 96	10 96	57 13
Cortlandtown.....		50					
Fordham	24 14	107 21	319 39	18 20	5 89	20	18 36
Greenburg							
Greenville.....	3	10	20	2	2	2	
Hastings.....		35					
Melrose.....		12	5			5	
Mount Vernon.....	30 07	148 44	282 50			31 06	100
Peekskill.....			18 29				
Tarrytown, First.....	25	28 68	90 50				78
Tarrytown, Second.....	20		336 25				130
Unionville.....	6 03	23 19	37 47				
West Farms.....		35 58	1 87	1 15	2 22	1	
Yonkers.....	42 16	67 41	371 65	23 29	30	2 20	122 17
Classis of Wisconsin.							
Alto.....	10 74	15 77	298 59				15
Bethlehem.....	15		9 50				
Cedar Grove.....	22 75	15 64	105 23				38 10
Chicago.....	25	45 50	181 75	5	5	5	10
Danforth.....		10					
Ebenezer.....		10 15	24 64				
Forreston.....		20	11 30				
Franklin.....			20				
Fulton.....	55 50	69 41	136 95	13 60	14 15	14 25	12 65
Gibbsville.....	21	12 20	125				
Greenleafton.....	7	10 25	51 10				9 90
1st Holland, Neb.....	42 46	34 75	142 79			13 34	27 57
2d Holland, Neb.....							
Lansing.....							
Milwaukee.....			171				80
New Amsterdam.....							
Oostburg.....		15 13	25 50				
Peoria.....	6 01	7 55	21 35				13 40
Roseland.....	55	36 50	294 75				
Silver Creek.....			265 67				
South Holland.....			123				
Sheboygan Falls.....							

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The following paper was presented by the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully report that while no communication has been referred to them they would present certain points bearing on the subject for the consideration of Synod. What are the underlying principles which would govern Christian people in the benevolent use of their worldly means; what are the consequent obligations, and by what methods may they be carried into effect ?

I. PRINCIPLES.

These are based upon Gospel provision. While perfect love to God and to man were primary elements of the Divine law, the special work of winning men to Christ in redemption is taught in the Gospel; and grows out of the purpose of Christ to save the world. We are, therefore, to give, not from blind impulse, not from wild enthusiasm, not from party spirit, but because the King commands it. The proper motive in the heart of the Christian giver is love to Christ. This is the highest appeal to Christian beneficence. We believe that all Church and Mission work will be prospered in proportion to the directness and power of this appeal, and the efficacy with which the Holy Spirit shall vitalize it in pious hearts. We think this doctrine taught by Christ: "if ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15) and by Paul; "the love of Christ constraineth us" (II Cor. 5:14). Your Committee, therefore, do not deem it wise to attempt the development of systematic beneficence by force of Synodical authority, or by any plan of apportionment which may seem to imply accountability to Synod for the manner in which the duty of giving is performed. The appeal to men's fears, or their ambition to stand well with their brethren, or their reverence for the Church, in her organized and legislative capacity, would seem to place the claims of beneficence on a lower, and, in the end, a less effective ground.

II. OBLIGATIONS.

In determining what these are, we need a rule of duty. This we have : " as God hath prospered " (I Cor. 16:2). Not the amount of money which we estimate necessary to accomplish certain work, which in human judgment should be done, but the degree in which God bestows the power, is the rule of duty. In how far the Jewish system of tithes may furnish a rule, or suggest the amount which a Christian should bestow, is an open question, but we may safely conclude that one enjoying the full favor of the Christian dispensation cannot be under lighter bonds of gratitude than were God's ancient people. These obligations are plainly inseparable from the Christian faith. It is impossible that one should love Christ and not love His kingdom ; and where that love is well guided a benevolent sacrifice for the extension of His kingdom is sure to follow. When the necessary light, means, and opportunity are presented, to deny these obligations is to deny the faith. It might go without saying that they are binding upon the Christian conscience.

III. METHODS.

If we would successfully develop systematic beneficence among our people, our first duty is the distribution of information. Very much censorious and unprofitable rebuke against the people of God might have been spared if more light had been supplied upon the opportunities, agencies, and objects of beneficence. The history of missions, or facts respecting their present condition, the nature and working of the benevolent institutions of the Church, or whatever information may help the benevolent to know what their contributions should and do accomplish, will tend to build up the character of " a cheerful giver." The development of Christian activities in any form is largely a matter of training. While the principle has its root in the love of Christ in the heart, it needs to be drawn out by enlightenment and practice. But what is thus generally true, is emphatically so in the duty of sanctifying worldly gains to the glory of God. The average man will give up any other object sooner than his money. Of all duty, in this he must be trained. It need hardly be suggested that this training should begin, though by no means

end, in the Sabbath-school. The boy who is taught from religious motives to give his penny each Sabbath will accomplish but a trifle in the amount of money, but the effect on the boy is priceless ; the budding promise of a hundred-fold harvest.

In presenting the claims of beneficence, it is well to give prominence to those objects which are under the care of the Church. Not that union, voluntary societies, or individual calls, or local objects, should in all cases be excluded from the list of benefactions, but that the regularly organized channels, as the Boards and Funds of the Church, should have a leading place in the choice of objects. The guarantee of wisdom and integrity in the administration of benevolent funds reaches its maximum in the manner in which these boards are constituted, and in the responsibility to the appointing power under whose supervision they do their work.

Perhaps nothing can be wisely said in this report on the methods of taking contributions, as any plan which would suit the circumstances of one church might be ill adapted to another. This much, however, may be suggested. Such measures should be adopted in every church as will bring the opportunity of giving to every man, woman and child. Simply to pass the contribution box one Sabbath in the year may fail to accomplish that object. From causes, providential or otherwise, only a part of the congregation may be present. By the distribution of envelopes, or the division of the congregational territory into districts, to be canvassed by persons properly appointed, the people may be more thoroughly reached.

In view of the considerations presented, your Committee would propose the following resolutions :

1. That gratitude to Christ for his great salvation should be recognized as the governing principle in Christian beneficence, and urged as a supreme motive for the consecration of worldly substance liberally and regularly to the service of God.

2. That pastors and consistories are under strongest obligations to present the claims of beneficence to the churches under their care, and to organize means and methods by which suitable objects may receive their benefactions.

3. That the boards of the Church be enjoined to supply the means of information respecting the work committed to their care.

4. That the *Sower and Mission Monthly* be commended to pastors and families as a convenient medium through which such information may be conveyed.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. SEBRING, *Chairman*.

Respecting the above Report it was

Resolved, that it be recommended to pastors to read the same to the Churches from the pulpit.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The following paper was adopted :

Whereas, it is desirable that our Church should preserve some permanent record of her ministers deceased, other than the mere list of names which is usually appended to the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion, therefore

Resolved, That henceforward Synod have a Standing Committee on Nécrology, to exist during the year, and to report at the succeeding regular Session of Synod such biographical notice of ministers deceased that year, as they shall deem fitting.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of General Synod be the permanent Chairman of said Committee ; and that it shall be his duty to receive, collate, expand or abbreviate according to his judgment such necrological memorials as he shall receive during the year from the other members of the Committee or from the Classes, or from whatever source; that in cases where he does not promptly receive such memorial he shall himself prepare it, or direct some member of his committee to do so; in order that, year by year, he may submit to Synod for publication in the Minutes, upon approval, a necrological record for the year, as suitable and complete as circumstances will permit.

Resolved, That upon the death of any one of our ministers it shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk of the Classis to which he last belonged to transmit notice of the fact to the Stated Clerk of General Synod, and, at least within a week after the next meeting of the Classis, to transmit also a copy of such memorial record as the Classis may have made, to-

gether with any facts in the case which may help to form the basis of the necrological report to Synod.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Accounts present the following Report:
They recommend the payment of the following bills :

For printing the Report on the Curriculum of the Seminary.....	\$ 5
For printing Rolls and Ballots.....	10 25
For Stationery.....	4 70
Total.....	\$19 95

The Committee calls the attention of the Synod to the generous action of the Committee on Arrangements in assuming whatever expenses have been incurred for doorkeeper, and other incidental matters connected with the churches in which this Synod has met, and refusing to have any bill presented relating to these matters.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. VROOM, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Synod

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,500 copies of the Minutes of this session of the General Synod, and that the price be printed on the cover.

The following also was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter the title-page of our Minutes of General Synod recognize the perpetuity of the Synod by being made to read, the (——) Regular Session of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Synod acknowledges its grateful ap-

preciation of the kindness which has welcomed it with such overflowing hospitality; and records the unusual liberality which declines to accept the repayment of the expenses occasioned by the meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That while to the Pastors, Consistories and families of our own Churches, especial thanks are due, our obligations are scarcely less great to other Pastors, Churches and households, of manifold names but of one spirit, who have vied with our own in their bountiful kindness.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the ladies for the tasteful and suggestive decorations of the Church; to the Daily Morning Democrat for its accurate reports; to the Furniture Companies who have loaned the furniture used; and to the Railroad Companies for their liberal reduction of fare.

The Minutes were read and approved. The Roll was called, and no members were found absent without excuse.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

By invitation of the Reformed Church of Syracuse, the Synod resolved to meet in Regular Session in that Church on the first Wednesday in June, 1885, at three o'clock, P. M. After brief farewell remarks by Rev. E. Winter and Rev. P. Moerdyke, and responses by the President and others, the President offered prayer, the Hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," etc., was sung, and the Synod was declared adjourned.

DAVID COLE, *President*.

SELAH W. STRONG, *Vice-President*.

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk*.

J. PRESTON SEARLE, }
P. LEPELTAK, } *Clerks pro tem.*

Official Minutes,

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk*.

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Presidents of the General Synod.

DATE.	PRESIDENTS.	FROM WHAT STATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.
June, 1794—	Rev. Wm. Linn.....	New York..	Albany, N. Y.
“ 1797—	Rev. Direk Romeyn.....	“	New York City.
“ 1800—	Rev. Ira Condict.....	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
“ 1803—	Rev. John H. Livingston....	New York..	Po'keepsie, N. Y.
May, 1804—	Rev. John H. Livingston....	“	New York City.
June, 1806—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn..	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
Sept., 1807—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn..	“	Harlem, “
June, 1809—	Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	New York..	New York City.
“ 1812—	Rev. Jacob Sickles.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1813—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	New Jersey.	New York City.
June, 1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	New York..	“ “
“ 1815—	Rev. John Schureman.....	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
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FORMATION OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Rev. David Cole, D.D., the last President, called the Synod to order and opened the meeting with prayer, and on the evening of the first day preached the Synodical Sermon, from 1 Peter. ii: 24—"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

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CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—*Ministers*, Henry De Vries, Charles K. Clearwater, David Cole, D.D. *Elders*, Theodotus Burwell, J. B. Gregory, A. Newman.

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CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—*Ministers*, N. F. Chapman, B. C. Lippincott, A. A. Zabriskie. *Elders*, Peter H. Freligh, John L. Hutchins, John E. Lasher.

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CLASSIS OF IOWA.—*Ministers*, L. Dykstra, A. Buursma.

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived on the Second Day.—*Minister*, A. Kriekard. *Elders*, H. W. Bookstaver, William Seward.

On the Third Day.—*Ministers*, Peter De Bruyn, E. A. Collier.

On the Sixth Day.—*Elders*, Hermon H. Shook, L. D. Barnes.

On the Seventh Day.—*Minister*, A. R. Van Nest.

EXCUSED.

Excused on the Third Day.—*Elder*, Charles Crane.

On the Fourth Day.—*Minister*, Marion T. Conklin. *Elders*, Theodotus Burwell, Richard Schuyler, J. H. De Ridder, J. H. Deyoe.

On the Fifth Day.—*Elder*, Augustus Schoonmaker.

On the Sixth Day.—*Ministers*, H. P. Blair, Elias Mead. *Elder*, George F. Shultis.

On the Seventh Day.—*Ministers*, Jacob Chamberlain, Wm. H. Ford, Walter S. Brown, Ira Van Allen. *Elders*, Robert Ashby, Albro J. Newton.

On the Eighth Day.—*Ministers*, William D. Perry, George D. Lydecker, H. Paige Davis, Albert D. Minor, Alan D. Campbell, Charles D. Buck. *Elder*, Peter S. Danforth.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. J. Howard Suydam was elected *President*; the Rev. John H. Karsten was elected *Vice-President*; the Rev. Alan D. Campbell and the Rev. P. T. Pockman were elected *Clerks pro tem*.

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last regular session were read. The Stated Clerk was authorized to supply an omission by inserting in connection with the Report on Overtures, the words "which was accepted and adopted."

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read. The Bequest of Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

PROFESSORATE.—*Ministers*, C. L. Wells, E. T. Corwin, F. V. Van Vranken. *Elders*, Augustus Schoonmaker, G. J. Kollen.

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ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in James Suydam Hall, New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 19, 1885, and adjourned on Wednesday evening, after the exercises at the church.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the retiring President, Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D.D. The Board was organized by the election of Rev. J. W. Beardslee, D.D., as President, and Rev. Samuel T. Searle, Clerk *pro tem*.

The following members were present from their respective Classes:

Albany—Rev. Andrew M. Arcularius.

Bergen—Rev. Isaac E. House.

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New York—Rev. J. H. Oerter, D.D.

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Philadelphia—Rev. John Hart.

Poughkeepsie—Rev. Henry Ward.

Raritan—Rev. P. M. Doolittle.

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Schenectady—Rev. William E. Griffiths, D.D.

Schoharie—Rev. Robert Doig.

Ulster—Rev. W. A. Shaw.

Westchester—Rev. David Cole, D.D.

Elder at Large—Lawrence Van Derveer.

The following Classes were not represented, viz: Arcot, Geneva, Grand River, Holland, Illinois, Iowa, Monmouth, Montgomery, Orange and Wisconsin.

Vacancies for the full term of three years are to be filled in the Classes of Cayuga, Greene, Holland, Hudson, Illinois, Iowa, North Long Island, Montgomery, Passaic, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoharie and Wisconsin.

Elders at large are to be appointed, on nomination by the Committee on the Professorate, in place of William H. Crosby of the Particular Synod of New York, and Lawrence Van Derveer of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, whose terms have expired, and of Johnson Letson of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, deceased.

The following students have been in attendance during the year:

Senior Class.

Theodore A. Beekman,	Edwin Oscar Moffett,
William Stockton Cranmer,	Henry D. B. Mulford,
John G. Fagg,	Philip W. Pitcher,
John H. Gillespie,	Daniel W. Skellenger.

Middle Class.

Junius C. Ayler,	John Laubenheimer,
Evert John Blekkink,	Albert Oltmans.
John Henry Brandow,	Robert V. Palmer,
Geo. Zabriskie Collier,	Evart W. Stapelkamp,
Jacob Dyk,	David F. Williams.

Junior Class.

Edward M. Arnolt,
Peter Stryker Beekman,
Evert G. Beyer,
Peter Crispell,

George Davis,
Benjamin E. Dickhaut,
John A. Thomson,
Henry Van Brackle.

Of the Senior Class, William I. Chamberlain and John Morrison have been absent during the year, but expect to resume their course next Fall.

Of the Middle Class, Dirk Scholten has been pursuing his studies at Hope College, and at his own request a certificate of dismission to that institution was authorized by the Board.

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, with the action of the Board in reference to it, is herewith transmitted.

The Report of the Faculty states that instruction in elocution has been given twice a week during the greater part of the year by Prof. Peabody, of Princeton. Only a part of the funds necessary for this service having been provided, the balance has been paid by the Professors. On this subject, the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board, and of the Church, are due to the Faculty for the provision made for the teaching of elocution, as suggested by the Board, during the past year; and the attention of the General Synod is again called to the need of permanent provision for this kind of instruction. Meanwhile it is but just to the Faculty that the General Synod should prevent this object becoming a tax upon the several Professors, as has been the case last year.

The result of the examinations of all the students was in the main satisfactory, and the members of the Senior Class were unanimously and cordially recommended for their professorial certificates.

The closing exercises were held on Wednesday evening. Addresses were delivered by two members of the graduating class, to the great satisfaction of a large audience.

Prof. De Witt presented the professorial certificates with

suitable farewell words, and the address to the students was delivered by Rev. Charles W. Fritts.

Rev. Wm. E. Griffis, D.D., was appointed *Primarius*, and Rev. Henry Ward *Secundus*, to deliver the address to the students next year.

In connection with the action on the Report of the Faculty, the Board adopted the following:

Resolved, In view of the limited number of students now in attendance at our Theological Seminary, and the unusual facilities which the Institution now provides for a thorough instruction in all that pertains to a full equipment for a useful ministry, that the General Synod be requested to devise, at an early day, such practical measures for remedying the evil here alluded to as its best judgment may dictate.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Committee appointed at the Centennial Anniversary of the Theological Seminary, which was authorized and appointed by General Synod, have published a memorial volume which is a scholarly and accurate book, and a credit to our Reformed Church,

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents do hereby express their great pleasure in the Centennial Memorial volume, and extend their thanks and congratulations to the members of the Committee.

Resolved, That the Board suggest to General Synod (independently of any statement which the Committee of Publication may perhaps make to the Synod relative thereto), that the Synod refer the volume to a Committee for examination.

Resolved, That we request the General Synod to assume the balance of the financial responsibility of the publication, or at least the expense of the one hundred complimentary copies.

URIAH D. GULICK,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JOHN HART,	
JOHN H. SALISBURY,	

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF,
Stated Clerk.

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Report of the Committee on the further endowment of the Seminary at New Brunswick (Min. 1884, p. 520), was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Report of the Special Committee on a new Hymn Book (Min. 1884, p. 558), was presented and accepted. (See Art. XX, Publication.)

The Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary at Hope College was received, and referred to a new Standing Committee, appointed by a vote of the Synod, to which all matters relating to education within the Particular Synod of Chicago are to be referred.

A communication from Rev. Prof. N. M. Steffens, offering his resignation as the Synod's member of the Council of Hope College, and another in reference to the Seminary at Hope College, were received, and referred to the same Committee.

A communication was received from Prof. T. Romeyn Beck resigning as Lector in Theology, and also a joint communication from Professors Charles Scott and T. Romeyn Beck in reference to the Lectorship, and were referred to the same Committee.

Several communications from Hope College, including the Annual Report of the Council, a report of the installation of Rev. N. M. Steffens, the inaugural address of Prof. Steffens, and an account of the proceedings in pamphlet form and in the Dutch language, were received, and referred to the same Committee.

A communication was received from the Classis of Iowa in reference to the Northwestern Classical Academy at Pella, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication was received from Prof. Samuel M. Woodbridge in reference to the best time for the delivery of the Vedder Lectures, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Reports of the action and non-action of the Classes, and various overtures from several Classes, in relation to the amendments sent down by the General Synod, were received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An overture in relation to the amendment of the Form for

ordaining Elders and Deacons, and another in relation to an addition to the statistical tables, were received from Rev. N. D. Williamson, and referred to the same Committee.

An overture was received from the Classis of New Brunswick in relation to the power to amend certain parts of the Constitution, and referred to the same Committee. Also another from the same Classis in relation to a full register of ecclesiastical changes, which was referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

An overture from the Classis of New York, and another from the Classis of Raritan, in relation to a new Hymn Book, were received, laid upon the table temporarily, and taken up when the discussion upon the report on that subject occurred.

A report from the Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., in relation to the Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, held at Belfast, and also a communication requesting Synod to provide for certain expenses of the Alliance, and also papers from Rev. J. D. Mathews, D.D., Secretary, on the same subject, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Communications from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, from the Secretary of the Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and from Rev. B. C. Lippincott, delegate to that body, and others, were received, and referred to the same Committee.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. T. W. Chambers in relation to preparing a course for a fourth year of study in the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Committee appointed at the Centennial of the Seminary to publish its proceedings, accompanied with a presentation copy of the Memorial volume; both were referred to the Committee on the Professorate, with the thanks of the Synod for the book.

Communications from James Anderson, M.D., in relation to establishing a fund for the instruction in elocution of the students of the Seminary, were received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A request for a dispensation on behalf of J. Tallmadge Bergen was received from the South Classis of Long Island, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A request from the Classis of Iowa for traveling expenses to the Synod for its delegates was received, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

A list of nominations for members of the Board of Superintendents was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A petition from the Law and Order League of Somerset County, N. J., was received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Classis of Grand River calling the attention of the Synod to the omission of the name of a deposed minister from the classical table and the roll as printed in the Minutes. It was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A communication reciting the circumstances under which the South Reformed Church of West Troy was sought to be transformed into a Presbyterian Church was received from the Classis of Saratoga, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from more than fifty members of the South Church of West Troy in relation to their having been deprived of their house of worship was received, and referred to the same Committee.

A communication from the Particular Synod of Chicago in relation to the number necessary to a quorum was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate for the West.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF DIRECTION OF THE CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction, with the usual documents, was received and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, except that the papers relating to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds were referred to the Committee on those Funds, and the part relating to vacancies to the Committee on Nominations.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Board of Direction of the Corporation respectfully report that sufficient moneys have been paid in during the year to make the total sum of \$30,000, now in the hands of the Board, for the Endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, at Hope College.

A certificate of ten shares of stock of the Bergen Turnpike Company, belonging to Rutgers' College, but long held in trust by the Synod, has, in accordance with the direction to that effect, been delivered to the Treasurer of the College.

In pursuance of the authority given by the last Synod, "the unappropriated sums, and balances of interest on hand" have been merged into one Fund amounting to \$13,083.86, which is to be called "The Synod's Fund for Temporary Contingencies."

It is pleasant to record, that the brother of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Jewell, of West Hurley, N. Y., has paid into the capital of the Disabled Ministers' Fund, *Five Hundred Dollars* in his sister's name and according to her request before her death.

The current income of this Fund has been sadly inadequate to the demands made upon it.

The Board still find that there is a constant confusion of this Fund with the "Widows' Fund," in the minds of ministers as well as laymen. They venture to suggest that it would help to remove this confusion, if the Synod should see fit to appoint a separate Committee for each Fund.

The term of service of the Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., will expire at this meeting of the Synod.

THE WIDOWS' FUND.

This now amounts to \$66,255.57. The gifts from churches and individuals during the year were \$1,936.07, and the annual payments from ministers, \$1,358.63. Annuitants have been paid \$4,078.82.

Three of the subscribers to the Fund have withdrawn that proportion of their annual payments to which they were entitled, under the rules of the Fund, amounting to \$195.

Agreeably to the authority given by the last Synod the allowance to Annuitants was increased ten per cent., but the number of persons entitled to aid from the Fund, has so increased during the year, that for the present at least, this increase must be withheld.

Application has been made on behalf of Mrs. Serenbetz now infirm, and in dependent circumstances, a daughter of the late Rev. John C. Gulden, an exemplary minister of our Church, who was a subscriber to the Widows' Fund for fourteen years, and up to the time of his death, but whose family never received anything from it.

The existing rules make no provision for such a case, and the Board report the matter for the judgment of the Synod.

WILLIAM BOGARDUS.

President.

T. W. CHAMBERS,

JOHN LEFFERTS,

WM. H. KIRK,

Directors.

JOHN VAN NEST,

Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 22d, 1885.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

*General Synod of the Reformed Church in America,
In account with JOHN VAN NEST, Treasurer.*

1884.		Dr.	
May	5	To Cash paid Expenses of Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South, on account,	\$30
	8	paid annuities from the Widows' Fund for six months,	1,800
	8	paid appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund,	2,770
	12	paid expenses of Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States,	11 53
	23	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for improvement of Seminary grounds and buildings,	300
	24	paid Frederick Aldhous, loan on Bonds and Mortgages,	40,000
	24	paid John R. Smith, Treasurer, legacy of Louisa Rushforth,	800
	24	paid John R. Smith, Treasurer, interest legacy of Rachel A. Ryerson,	72 12
	24	paid F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, interest on Education Fund,	3,711 45
	24	paid F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, interest on Parochial School Fund,	373 22
	26	paid J. Cappon, Treasurer, interest on Hope College Endowment,	1,130 68
	31	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., Stated Clerk, on account of salary, etc,	100
June	2	paid Rev. Saml. M. Woodbridge, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst,	625
	2	paid Rev. John DeWitt, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst,	625
	2	paid Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst,	625
	2	paid Rev. Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D., salary, due 1st inst,	1,217 24
	7	paid insurance on P. Hertzog Theological Hall, 3 years,	330
	10	paid expenses of delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South, on account,	15
	20	paid John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, interest on donation of Col. H. Rutgers,	250
	23	paid John R. Smith, Treasurer, legacy of Louisa Rushforth,	1,000
	23	paid insurance on Professorial Dwellings at N. B., 1 year,	21 40
	23	paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., Permanent Clerk, salary and expenses,	131 90
	24	paid expenses of delegate to G. A. of P. Church South, balance,	53 50
	26	paid appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund,	150
	28	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., S. C. of Board of Superintendents, salary, etc,	26 40
	28	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., expense of Seminary commencement,	11
	28	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., S. Clerk of General Synod, balance of salary,	150
	28	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., S. Clerk, traveling expenses, printing, etc,	82 09
July	2	paid Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D., for services rendered in Theo. Seminary at N. B.,	550
	2	paid expenses of Synod's member of Hope College Council,	52 56
Amount carried forward			\$56,905 09

1884.		Dr.	
		Amount brought forward.....	\$56,905 09
July	5	To Cash paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall, salaries, fuel, etc.....	600
	5	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of Jas. Suydam Hall.....	500
	5	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of G. A. Sage, Library.....	600
Aug.	13	paid John Rankin, loan on Bond and Mortgage.....	15,000
Sept.	1	paid expense of removal of Prof. Lansing to New Brunswick.....	174 27
	1	paid Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, D.D., quarter's salary, due this date.....	625
	1	paid Rev. John De Witt, D.D., quarter's salary, due this date.....	625
	1	paid Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D., quarter's salary, due this date.....	625
	1	paid Rev. Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D., quarter's salary, due this date.....	750
	1	paid J. R. Smith, Treasurer, for Church Building Fund, proceeds of sales of Hymn Books.....	73 07
	26	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall.....	100
	26	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for repair of P. Hertzog Hall.....	250
	26	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of J. Suydam Hall.....	100
		paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for improvement of Seminary grounds and buildings.....	350
		paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library.....	250
	26	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library.....	100
	26	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for J. Suydam Professorial dwelling.....	7 31
	26	paid Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., for services rendered in the Theological Seminary at N. B.....	550
Oct.	26	paid Rev. Professor John G. Lansing on account of salary.....	232 68
	7	paid Rev. J. A. De Baun, D.D., expenses attending installation of Rev. Professor John G. Lansing.....	12
	8	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of J. Suydam Hall.....	350
	8	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library.....	350
Nov.	1	paid annuities from the Widows' Funds, for 6 months ending the 1st inst.....	2,278
	1	paid appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, for 6 months commencing the 1st inst.....	2,680
	1	paid F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, interest on Education Fund.....	2,820
	1	paid F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, interest on Parochial School Fund.....	280 24
		paid J. Cappon, Treasurer, interest on Hope College Endowment Fund.....	800
		paid Hosford & Sons for printing Treasurer's Report to Synod.....	9 75
		paid Hon. W. H. Kirk for renovating "Van Bunschooten" Tomb.....	30
		paid Rev. Professor John G. Lansing on account of salary.....	232 64
		paid John R. Smith, Treasurer, interest on legacy of Mrs. Rachel Ann Ryerson.....	50
	13	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., expenses of "Centennial" at New Brunswick.....	254 73
Dec.	1	paid Rev. Professor J. G. Lansing on account of salary.....	312 50
	1	paid Rev. Professor Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	750
	1	paid Rev. Professor Saml. M. Woodbridge, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	625
	1	paid Rev. Professor D. D. Demarest, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	625
	1	paid Rev. Professor John DeWitt, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	625
	10	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for the purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library.....	300
	10	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of J. Suydam Hall.....	800
		Amount carried forward.....	\$92,602 82

		Dr.	
		Amount brought forward	\$92,602 82
Dec.	23	To Cash paid Nathaniel S. Whitmore, loan on Bonds and Mortgages	26,000
	23	paid Stillman P. Lincoln for account of loan on Bonds and Mortgages	32,000
	23	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library	500
	23	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for repairs of P. Hertzog Hall	100
	23	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for new Professorial dwelling	100 95
	24	paid Rev. N. M. Steffens, D.D., on account of salary	150
	24	paid insurance on Hope College buildings, furniture, etc., one year	63 75
1885.			
Jan.	6	paid insurance on Sage Library building, books, etc., one yr	33 68
	9	paid insurance on furniture in J. Suydam Hall, one year	6 80
	15	paid Rev. Professor John G. Lansing on account of salary	312 50
	14	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library	300
	14	paid Rev. Seine Bolks expense attending Prof. N. M. Steffens' installation	50
Feb.	6	paid Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., Chairman of Committee for securing larger Endowment of Seminary Fund	25 84
	27	paid J. R. Smith, Treasurer, for Church Building Fund, proceeds of sales of Hymns of the Church	56 06
Mar.	2	paid Rev. Professor Saml. M. Woodbridge, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	625
	2	paid Rev. Professor D. D. Demarest, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	625
	2	paid Rev. Professor John DeWitt, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	625
	2	paid Rev. Professor N. M. Steffens, D.D., balance of quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	208 33
	2	paid Rev. Professor John G. Lansing on account of salary	312 50
	2	paid Rev. Professor Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D., quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	750
	11	paid Bank of New York interest on loan to the 1st inst.	75 56
	11	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for purchase of books for Sage Library	300
	11	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library	100
	11	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for improvement of Seminary grounds, etc.	100
	11	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for salary of Janitor of P. Hertzog Hall and fuel	120
	26	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library	400
	26	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of J. Suydam Hall	200
	26	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall	400
	26	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for purchase of books for Sage Library	143 93
Apr.	6	paid C. Powleson & Son bill incident to the "Centennial"	14 50
	15	paid Rev. John G. Lansing on account of salary	312 50
	18	paid Rev. R. W. Brokaw expense as member of Com. on Hymn Book	2
	18	paid Rev. Wm. J. Skillman 75 per cent. of payments to Widows' Fund withdrawn	30
	18	paid Rev. James Wyckoff 75 per cent. of payments to Widows' Fund withdrawn	60
	18	paid Rev. George A. Mills 75 per cent. of payments to Widows' Fund withdrawn	105
	20	paid Stillman P. Lincoln on account of loan on Bonds and Mortgages	9,000
	23	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for purchase of books for Sage Library	200
	23	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for improvement of Seminary grounds and buildings	162 53
	23	paid Hon. W. H. Kirk, Treasurer, for repair of P. Hertzog Hall	25
	23	paid Bank of New York amount borrowed Dec. 23d, 1884	10,000
	23	paid Bank of New York interest on above	58 89
		Amount carried forward	\$177,258 14

1885.	Dr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$177,358 14
Apr. 27	To Cash paid John Van Nest one year's salary as Treasurer of General Synod.....	\$2,000
	paid Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., rent of box..	35
	paid stationery, postage stamps, etc.....	71
		2,106
	This amount is apportioned to the following Funds, viz:	
	Widows' Fund, Income Account.....	\$250
	Expense Account.....	418 42
	Education Fund, Income Account.....	355 49
	Parochial School Fund Account.....	34 60
	Disabled Ministers' Fund, Income Account.....	166 73
	James Suydam Professorial Fund Account.....	188 76
	G. A. Sage Professorial Fund Account.....	157 30
	Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College	53 37
	Hope College Endowment Fund, Income Account.....	103 81
	G. A. Sage Fund, Income Account, for support, etc., of G. A. Sage Library.....	110 11
	G. A. Sage Fund, Income Account, for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library.....	62 92
	G. A. Sage Fund, Income Account, for support, etc., of P. Hertzog Hall.....	78 65
	J. Suydam Fund, Income Account, for support of J. Suydam Hall.....	62 92
	J. Suydam Fund, Income Account, for repair, etc., of Seminary buildings and grounds	62 92
		\$2,106
30	To balance on hand carried to new account.....	1,824 11
		\$181,188 25

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1884.		
May 1	By balance from last account brought forward.....	\$10,624 74
8	Cash received payment on account of Bond and Mortgage...	1,000
14	received advance on loan to Frederick Aldhous, returned	30,000
17	received payment in full of Bond and Mortgage....	10,300
17	received legacy of Louisa Rushforth for Domestic Mis-	
	sions.....	500
17	received legacy of Louisa Rushforth for Domestic Mis-	
	sions for Sunday Schools.....	300
27	received payment in full of Bond and Mortgage.....	3,500
29	received from executors of the estate of G. A. Sage inter-	
	est on legacy of \$50,000.....	425
June 31	received legacy of Louisa Rushforth for the Church	
	Building Fund.....	1,000
Aug. 1	received payment in full of Bond and Mortgage.....	12,500
Sept. 1	received from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Chmn., pro-	
	ceeds of sales of Hymns of the Church for the Church	
	Building Fund.....	73 07
Oct. 17	received from executor of estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Jewell	
	for the Disabled Ministers' Fund	500
22	received payment on account of Bonds and Mortgages...	1,800
Nov. 31	received for Endowment of Professorship of Didactic and	
	Polemic Theology at Hope College, Michigan.....	4,794
22	received for Endowment of Professorship of Didactic and	
	Polemic Theology at Hope College, Michigan.....	14,951
Dec. 3	received for Endowment of Professorship of Didactic and	
	Polemic Theology at Hope College, Michigan.....	3,292
5	received payment in full of Bond and Mortgage.....	8,000
23	received amount borrowed from the National Bank of	
	New York.....	10,000
23	received payment in full of Bond and Mortgage.....	13,000
1885.		
Feb. 27	received from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Chmn., pro-	
	ceeds of sales of Hymns of the Church for the Church	
	Building Fund.....	56 06
Mar. 5	received payment on account of Bond and Mortgage ...	1,000
12	" " " " " "	1,000
Apr. 25	" " " " " "	2,000
30	received during the year for Hope College Endowment,	
	viz:	
	Charles de Neufville subscription.....	\$500
	Miss E. C. Hermance subscription.....	50
	J. De Mott subscription.....	25
	Jas. A. Seward on account of subscription of	
	\$500.....	100
	Rev. Hasbrouck DuBois subscription.....	25
	Reformed Church, New Lots, L. I., per Rev.	
	G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....	200
	Mrs. C. Deyo, Kingston, N. Y., per Rev. G. H.	
	Mandeville, D.D.....	5
	Mrs. C. S. H., per Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.	
	Reformed Church, Port Richmond, S. I., per	
	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....	25
	Reformed Low Dutch Church, Harlem, N. Y.	
	City, per Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....	30 51
	Reformed Church, North Branch, N. J., per	
	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....	11 50
	Reformed Church, Raritan, N. J.....	25 75
	Fifth " Philadelphia, Pa.....	25
	Amity " Vischer's Ferry, N. Y.....	3 28
	"A Friend," Kinderhook, N. Y., per Rev. Dr.	
	Collier.....	20
	Mrs. W. A. McKinney, per Rev. H. De Vries...	20
	Mrs. Jacob Strang, per Rev. H. De Vries.....	20
30	received in payment of subscriptions, made at the meet-	
	ing of General Synod, held at Grand Rapids, Mich.,	
	in June, 1884, for the purchase or erection of a dwell-	
	ing for the President of Hope College, at Holland,	
	Michigan.....	2 360
30	received from the following CLASSES during the year for	
	CONTINGENT EXPENSES of General Synod, viz:	
	Classis of Grand River for 1884.....	\$27 35
	Wisconsin, 1884.....	33 80
	Greene, 1884.....	14 39
	North Classis of Long Island, 1884.....	49 61
	Amount carried forward.....	\$131,066 92

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	Amount brought forward.....	\$134,066 91
April 30	By Cash received from	
	Saratoga, 1884.....	18 69
	Paramus, 1884.....	36 51
	Montgomery, 1884.....	25 20
	Bergen, 1884.....	28 21
	Michigan, 1884.....	9 97
	Schoharie, 1884.....	14 58
	Geneva, 1884.....	22 51
	Holland, 1884.....	19 44
	Raritan, 1884.....	39 28
	Schenectady, 1884.....	26 73
	Ulster, 1884.....	29 53
	Cayuga, 1884.....	13 85
	South Classis of Bergen, 1884.....	24 25
	Kingston, 1884.....	27 47
	Orange, 1884.....	30 95
	Westchester, 1882 and 1883.....	70 90
	Philadelphia, 1883.....	11 28
	Philadelphia, 1884.....	36 45
	Albany, 1884.....	33 60
	Newark, 1884.....	36 36
	Monmouth, 1884.....	13 87
	Passaic, 1884.....	27
	South Classis of Long Island, 1884.....	42 61
	New York, 1884.....	80 81
	Rensselaer, 1884.....	21 58
	New Brunswick, 1884.....	29 69
	Hudson, 1884.....	22 40
		918 90
30	received from CHURCHES, ETC., during the year for the	
	WIDOWS' FUND, viz:	
	First Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y., Wm. McElroy.....	\$20
	Reformed Church, New Paltz, N. Y.....	8 06
	Lafayette Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.....	5
	Reformed Church, Fishkill Village, N. Y.....	5 55
	A Friend.....	5
	Ref'm'd Dutch Church, Blooming Grove, N. Y.....	4
	Reformed Church, Esopus, N. Y.....	5
	Second " Newtown, L. I.....	12 38
	Union Village Ref'd Church, Greenwich, N. Y.....	28 24
	St. Paul's Reformed Church, Mott Haven, N. Y.....	1
	Reformed Church, Flatlands, L. I.....	5
	6th Ave. " New York City.....	14 30
	On the Heights Ref'd Church, Brooklyn, L. I.....	7 71
	Reformed Church, Montgomery, N. Y.....	30
	Reformed Church, " Niskayuna, N. Y.....	11 84
	First Reformed Church, Orange, N. J.....	2 50
	" " Grand River, Mich.....	15 40
	Reformed Church, Newburgh, N. Y.....	9 39
	" " Bergen, N. J.....	10
	Second " Flatbush, L. I.....	11 77
	South " Brooklyn, L. I.....	1 40
	" " Keyport, N. J.....	3 45
	" " Ellenville, N. Y.....	2
	First " Holland, Neb.....	6 20
	Harlem Low Dutch Ref'd Church, N. Y. City.....	7 09
	First Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	35 79
	" " " Henry L. Young.....	13 35
	" " " Stuyvesant, N. Y.....	17 50
	" " " Lower Walpack, Pa.....	6 40
	" " " Neshanic, N. J.....	4 53
	First " " Newark, N. J.....	4 77
	" " " Oyster Bay, L. I.....	12 93
	" " " Locust Valley, L. I.....	2 60
	Clinton Ave. " " Newark, N. J.....	1 43
	North " " Passaic, N. J.....	6 88
	" " " Piermont, N. Y.....	6 80
	" " " Griggstown, N. J.....	11 23
	First " " Brooklyn, L. I.....	3 08
	" " " Niskayuna, N. Y.....	19
	" " " Nyack, N. Y.....	2 50
	" " " Sayville, L. I.....	8 35
	Broadway " " Paterson, N. J.....	4
		6 95
	Amount carried forward.....	\$134,985 81

1885.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward	\$134,985 81
April 30	By Cash received from Reformed Church, Bronxville, N. Y.	5 32
	Madison Ave. " Albany, N. Y.	38 56
	" " Port Richmond, S. I.	11 83
	" " Greenleafston, Minn.	4
	Reformed Church of the Thousand Isles.	2
	Mrs. D. A. Jones	5
	A Friend	5
	Reformed Church, Caatsban, N. Y.	5 06
	" " Six Mile Run, N. J.	9
	Prospect Hill, Ref'd Church, New York City.	10
	Reformed Church, Gallatin, N. Y.	3 94
	" " Astoria, L. I.	9 40
	Second " Pella, Iowa	2 99
	First " New Brunswick, N. J.	12 74
	" " Grand Haven, Mich.	9 95
	Madison Ave. Ref'd Church, New York City.	36 66
	Reformed Church, Amity, N. Y.	1 52
	" " Fordham, N. Y.	22 07
	" " Middletown, N. J.	2 12
	" " Holmdel, N. J.	12
	Union " High Bridge, N. Y.	15 35
	Hope " Holland, Mich.	7 17
	" " Utica, N. Y.	16 53
	Collegiate Ref'd Dutch Church, N. Y. City.	48 75
	Reformed Church, Glenham, N. Y.	2 20
	" " Hopewell, N. Y.	6 83
	Of the Comforter Ref'd Church, Wiltwyck, N. Y.	2 51
	South Reformed Church, New York City.	19 68
	Reformed Church, Brighton Heights, S. I.	9 10
	" " Canarsie, L. I.	1 50
	" " Pascack, N. J.	1 50
	" " North Hempstead, L. I.	8 90
	" " Belleville, N. J.	9 98
	First " Long Branch, N. J.	6 27
	Ref'd Dutch Church, Blooming Grove, N. Y.	6 52
	Reformed Church, Colt's Neck, N. J.	4 25
	" " East Williamson, N. Y.	7 24
	" " Unionville, N. Y.	4 20
	" " Clarksville, N. Y.	1 73
	" " Chicago, Ill.	5
	" " Bloomingdale, Ulster Co., N. Y.	4 06
	Reformed Church, Gallupville, N. Y.	1 25
	Third " Raritan, N. J.	7 13
	Holland " New York City	1 12
	" " South Bergen, N. J.	1 76
	" " College Point, L. I.	9 81
	Fifth " Philadelphia, Pa.	5
	" " " Mrs. D. Boehl.	5
	" " Glen, N. Y.	12 80
	First " Raritan, N. J.	5
	" " Hagaman's Mills, N. Y.	2 69
	First " Rotterdam, N. Y.	6 40
	St. Paul's Ref'd Church, Mott Haven, N. Y.	4 50
	Reformed Church, Fallsburgh, N. Y.	2 78
	" " Syracuse, N. Y.	6 28
	Second " Coxsackie, N. Y.	9 99
	German Evangelical Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.	6
	Reformed Church, Coeyman's, N. Y.	3 60
	" " Fort Miller, N. Y.	3
	" " West Farms, N. Y.	1 27
	" " Gravesend, L. I.	6 35
	First " Totowa, N. J.	6 30
	" " Lodi, N. J.	2
	" " New Brooklyn, L. I.	2 50
	" " Herkimer, N. Y.	2 36
	" " Kreischerville, S. I.	1
	" " East Williamson, N. Y.	8 70
	" " Wawarsing, N. Y.	1 08
	Boght " Cohoes, N. Y.	2
	Member of 1st Ref'd Church, Astoria, L. I.	2 50
	Reformed Church, Jerusalem, N. Y.	2 36
	Amount carried forward	\$134,985 81

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	Amount brought forward.....		\$134,985 81
April 30	By Cash received from Reformed Church, Mina, N. Y.	1 55	
	4th German Reformed Church, N. Y. City.....	5	
	Reformed Church, Harlingen, N. J.....	2	
	" Tappan, N. Y.....	2 82	
	" Courtlandtown, N. Y.....	3 07	
	German Evangelical Reformed Church, York- ville, N. Y.....	1	
	Second Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa..	24 20	
	" Lodi, N. J.....	2	
	Reformed Church, Kiskatom, N. Y.....	4	
	" Onesquethaw, N. Y.....	1	
	" Kinderhook, N. Y.....	29 53	
	First " Glenville, N. Y.....	5	
	Holland " Wortendyke, N. J.....	5	
	" New Hackensack, N. Y.....	3	
	Of the Clove Ref'd Church, High Falls, N. Y.	3 35	
	Reformed Church, Ellenville, N. Y.....	2 75	
	First " Spring Lake, Mich.....	2	
	" South Bend, Ind.....	1 20	
	Interest received on deferred payments..	16 76	
			1,046 49
30	received during the year from CHURCHES, ETC., where the amount is to APPLY TO THE CREDIT OF PASTORS, viz:		
	Reformed Church, Queens, L. I., Rev. Andrew Hageman.....	\$10	
	Knox Memorial Chapel, New York City, Rev. Abm. Thompson.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Middlebush, N. J., Rev. J. A. Van Doren.....	20	
	Second Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Rev. J. Elmendorf, D. D.....	20	
	On the Heights Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I., Rev. A. J. Hutton.....	20	
	Reformed Church, East Greenbush, N. Y., Rev. J. Steele, D. D.....	20	
	Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J., Rev. I. P. Brokaw.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Paramus, N. J., Rev. J. C. Van Deventer.....	20	
	Central Avenue Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. Chas. S. Wright.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Fairview, Ill., Rev. J. S. Jorammon.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Orange City, Iowa, Rev. A. Buursma.....	20	
	Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J., Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D.....	20	
	Reformed Church, No. and So. Hampton, Pa., Rev. Saml. Streng.....	5	
	Reformed Church, Nassau, N. Y., Rev. J. H. Bertholf.....	20	
	12th Street Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I., Rev. U. D. Gulick.....	20	
	Berea Reformed Church, Walden, N. Y., Rev. A. Westveer.....	10	
	Union Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J., Rev. H. E. Neis.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Oyster Bay, L. I., Rev. J. H. Smock.....	10	
	Reformed Church, Locust Valley, L. I., Rev. J. H. Smock.....	10	
	Reformed Church, English Neighborhood, Rev. A. B. Taylor.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Jamaica, L. I., Rev. W. H. De Hart.....	20	
	North Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J., Rev. A. Anderson.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Millstone, N. J., Rev. E. T. Corwin, D. D.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Rev. David Cole, D. D.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Rev. J. Huyssoon.....	10	
	Amount carried forward.....		\$136,032 30

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April 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$136,032 30
	By Cash received from Ref'd Ch. Nyack, N. Y., Rev. W. H.	
	Clark, D. D.....	20
	Reformed Church, Cedar Grove, Wis., Rev.	
A. Wormser.....	10	
First Reformed Church, Ghent, N. Y., Rev.		
Chr. Van der Veen.....	10	
Reformed Church, Acquackanonck, N. J.,		
Rev. John Gaston, D. D.....	20	
Second Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.,		
Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D. D.....	20	
Reformed Church, Claverack, N. Y., Rev.		
Wm. J. Leggett.....	20	
Reformed Church, Schraalenburgh, N. J., Rev.		
G. A. Seibert.....	20	
Reformed Church, Florida, N. Y., Rev. R. A.		
Pearse.....	10	
Second Reformed Church, Totowa, N. J., Rev.		
P. H. Milliken.....	20	
Reformed Church, New Lots, L. I., Rev. Nich-		
olas Pearse.....	20	
Reformed Church, Fonda, N. Y., Rev. J. A. De		
Baum, D. D.....	20	
South Reformed Church, West Troy, N. Y.,		
Rev. Selah W. Strong.....	20	
Second Reformed Church, Grand Haven,		
Mich., Rev. Chr. Van der Veen.....	10	
Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.,		
Rev. J. Huyssoon.....	10	
Reformed Church, Peekskill, N. Y., Rev. H.		
De Vries.....	20	
Reformed Church, Readington, N. J., Rev. B.		
V. D. Wyckoff.....	20	
Reformed Church, Flatbush, L. I., Rev. C. L.		
Wells, D. D.....	20	
Reformed Church, Queens, L. I., Rev. A. Hage-		
man.....	5 21	
Reformed Church, Fultonville, N. Y., Rev. F.		
V. Van Vranken.....	13	
Reformed Church, Warwick, N. Y., Rev. V.		
B. Carroll.....	20	
Park Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.,		
Rev. J. H. Suydam, D. D.....	20	
Reformed Church, Vriesland, Mich., Rev. G.		
Niemeyer.....	6 37	
Mrs. Daniel Lord for Rev. Daniel Lord.....	20	
34th Street Reformed Church, New York City,		
Rev. J. M. Dickson, D. D.....	20	
Bloomingdale Reformed Church, New York		
City, Rev. Carlos Martyn.....	20	
Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield, N. J.,		
Rev. A. V. V. Raymond.....	20	
German Evangelical Mission, New York City,		
Rev. J. W. Geyer.....	20	
889 58		
30	received from the following CLERGYMEN during the year for their ANNUAL PAYMENTS to the WIDOWS' FUND, viz:	
	Rev. Samuel T. Searle.....	\$20
	Isaac Collier.....	20
	William N. Todd.....	20
	Andrew Hagenian.....	10
	M. F. Liebenau.....	20
	D. D. Demarest, D. D.....	20
	J. N. Voorhis.....	20
	Thomas Walker Jones.....	20
	J. Lausing Pearse.....	20
	Herman C. Berg.....	20
	John Scudder, M. D.....	20
	John Justin.....	20
	C. E. Crispell, D. D.....	20
	J. H. Oerter, D. D.....	20
	Francis V. Van Vranken.....	20
	A. H. Bechtold.....	20
	Amount carried forward.....	\$136,921 88

1885.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$136,921 88
April 30	By Cash received from Robert Doig.....	20
	E. Birdsall.....	20
	L. J. Jongeneel.....	20
	Ferdinand S. Schenck.....	20
	J. Kreamer.....	20
	Daniel Lord.....	20
	H. E. Dosker.....	20
	N. H. Dosker.....	20
	H. Van der Ploeg.....	20
	John Hoekje.....	20
	A. DeWitt Mason.....	20
	J. H. Kershow.....	20
	Edward Lodewick.....	20
	John Van der Meulen.....	20
	Stephen Searle.....	20
	W. E. Bogardus.....	20
	Wm. G. E. See.....	20
	F. M. Bogardus.....	20
	W. T. Griffin.....	20
	Wm. D. Perry.....	20
	A. G. Lansing.....	20
	J. Edward Lyall.....	20
	Anson Du Bois, D. D.....	20
	Samuel Streng.....	15
	A. Wormser.....	10
	M. V. Schoonmaker, D. D.....	20
	John B. Drury, D. D.....	20
	A. J. Beekman.....	20
	A. McWilliam.....	20
	E. Winter.....	20
	C. Spaulding.....	20
	P. V. Van Buskirk.....	20
	N. J. Nykerk.....	20
	H. N. Cobb, D. D.....	20
	A. Kriekard.....	20
	R. A. Pearse.....	10
	D. Broek.....	20
	Elbert N. Sebring.....	20
	A. J. Sebring.....	20
	P. Lepeltak.....	20
	Wm. H. Vroom.....	20
	John Smit.....	20
	Henry P. Thompson.....	20
	Daniel Van Pelt.....	20
	N. M. Steffens, D. D.....	20
	James M. Compton.....	20
	J. Howard Van Doren.....	20
	J. W. Conklin.....	20
	Wm. P. de Jonge.....	20
	A. Westveer.....	10
	John H. Karsten.....	20
	Jacob Van der Meulen.....	20
	G. Niemeyer.....	3 68
	E. Vedder.....	20
	J. H. Kershow.....	20
		1,358 68
30	received from CHURCHES, ETC., during the year for the Dis- abled Ministers' Fund, viz:	
	Interest on balance of legacy of Mrs. Eleanor Webb.....	\$7 50
	First Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y., W. McElroy.....	20
	Reformed Church, New Paltz, N. Y.....	8 06
	" " Nyack, N. Y.....	20 85
	Lafayette Ref'd Church, Jersey City, N. J.....	15
	Reformed Church, Fishkill Village, N. Y.....	6
	First " Kalamazoo, Mich.....	16 55
	Ref'd Dutch Church, Blooming Grove, N. Y.....	4
	Reformed Church, Esopus, N. Y.....	5
	Second " Totowa, Paterson, N. J.....	15 50
	" " Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	28 24
	Union Village Ref'd Church, Greenwich, N. Y.....	1
	Reformed Church, Cedar Grove, Wis.....	9 54
	Amount carried forward.....	\$138,280 51

1885.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$138,280 51
April 30	By Cash received from St. Paul's Ref'd Church, Mott Haven, N. Y.....	9
	On the Heights Ref'd Church, Brooklyn, L. I.....	77 64
	Reformed Church, Montgomery, N. Y.....	11 84
	" Greenport, Col. Co., N. Y.....	3 25
	" Niskayuna, N. Y.....	2 50
	North " Passaic, N. J.....	19 06
	First " Orange, N. J.....	15 43
	Second " Somerville, N. J.....	20 45
	" Newburgh, N. Y.....	10
	" Greenpoint, L. I.....	11 09
	Second " New Brunswick, N. J.....	13 04
	South " Brooklyn, L. I.....	3 50
	" Keyport, N. J.....	3
	First " Holland, Neb.....	8 05
	" No. and So. Hampton, Pa.....	2 16
	Deer Park Ref'd Church, Port Jervis, N. Y.....	24 20
	12th Street Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.....	13 24
	First Ref'd Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	13 36
	" " Henry L. Young.....	17 50
	Reformed Church, Port Richmond, S. I.....	46
	Second " New Brunswick, N. J.....	1
	" Lower Walpack, Pa.....	4 53
	" Freehold, N. J.....	9 84
	" Neshanic, N. J.....	4 77
	Clinton Ave. Ref'd Church, Newark, N. J.....	6 88
	Reformed Church, Flatbush, Ulster Co., N. Y.....	5 10
	" New Prospect, N. Y.....	12 39
	" Jamaica, L. I.....	8 49
	First " Newark, N. J.....	24 56
	" Brooklyn, L. I.....	19
	" Niskayuna, N. Y.....	2 50
	Broadway Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.....	3 96
	First Reformed Church, Ghent, N. Y.....	10
	Reformed Church, Bronxville, N. Y.....	5 32
	Madison Ave. Ref'd Church, Albany, N. Y.....	38 57
	Reformed Church, Acquackanonk, N. J.....	6 25
	" Greenleafton, Minn.....	4
	" Port Richmond, S. I.....	11 82
	" Stuyvesant, N. Y.....	2
	Interest on balance of legacy of Mrs. Eleanor Webb.....	7 50
	Reformed Church, Fulton, Ill.....	21 10
	Mrs. D. A. Jones.....	5
	Reformed Church, Caatsban, N. Y.....	5 06
	Second " Grand Rapids, Mich.....	15
	" New Baltimore, N. Y.....	8 72
	First " Pella, Iowa.....	15
	St. Remy Reformed Church, N. Y.....	94
	Reformed Church, Six Mile Run, N. J.....	9 15
	" Sayville, L. I.....	3 57
	Central Ave. Ref'd Church, Jersey City, N. J.....	8 50
	Reformed Church, North Hempstead, L. I.....	11 35
	Prospect Hill Ref'd Church, New York City.....	20
	Low Dutch Ref'd Church, Harlem, N. Y. City.....	66 44
	Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I.....	9 40
	" Stone Ridge, N. Y.....	6 26
	Second " Grand Haven, Mich.....	5
	" Pella, Iowa.....	2 99
	" Utica, N. Y.....	44 48
	Rev. J. Paschal Strong.....	9 50
	First Ref'd Church, New Brunswick, N. J.....	30
	Madison Ave. Ref'd Church, New York City.....	75 34
	Christmas Gift from Minister's Widow.....	10
	Rev. C. N. Waldron, D. D.....	100
	The Misses Varick.....	25
	Member of 1st Ref'd Church, Brooklyn, L. I.....	5
	Reformed Church, Fordam, N. Y.....	27 25
	" Newtown, L. I.....	11 32
	" Middletown, N. J.....	2 50
	" of the Thousand Isles, N. Y.....	2
	Second " Coxsackie, N. Y.....	6 54
	" Woodbourne, N. Y.....	3
	" Holmdel, N. J.....	20
	Amount carried forward.....	\$138,280 51

1885.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$138,280 51
April 30	By Cash received from Nassau, N. Y.....	7 50
	Union " High Bridge, N. Y.....	11 37
	Hope " Holland, Mich.....	7 18
	" Warwick, N. Y.....	20 90
	" Schodack Landing, N. Y.....	4 31
	" Port Ewen, N. Y.....	5 19
	" Wyanntsville, N. Y.....	15
	" Readington, N. J.....	26
	Collegiate Ref'd Dutch Church, N. Y. City.....	156 23
	Reformed Church, Yonkers, N. Y.....	5
	" Glenham, N. Y.....	1 10
	" Hopewell, N. Y.....	6 84
	" Flatlands, L. I.....	16 51
	Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, additional.....	2
	Reformed Church, Hagsman's Mills, N. Y.....	2 71
	" Chittenango, N. Y.....	6 70
	" Gallatin, N. Y.....	4 57
	" Greenport, Col. Co., N. Y.....	1 50
	Second Ref'd Dutch Church, Glenville, N. Y.....	2 60
	Reformed Church, Amity, N. Y.....	3 06
	Reformed Dutch Church, Catskill, N. Y.....	24 70
	Reformed Church, Glen, N. Y.....	10
	South " New York City.....	59 06
	" Brighton Heights, S. I.....	9 10
	" Canarsie, L. I.....	2
	" Pascack, N. J.....	1 50
	" Belleville, N. J.....	10 35
	First " Cocksackie, N. Y.....	6 30
	" Long Branch, N. J.....	7
	Ref'd Dutch Church, Blooming Grove, N. Y.....	6 52
	Reformed Church, Bloomingburgh, N. Y.....	5
	" Colt's Neck, N. J.....	4 04
	" East Williamson, N. Y.....	7 76
	" Unionville, N. Y.....	4 20
	Bloomingdale Ref'd Church, New York City.....	8 12
	Reformed Church, Clarksville, N. Y.....	3
	" Chicago, Ill.....	5
	" Bloomingdale, Ulster Co., N. Y.....	2 14
	Reformed Church, Gallupville, N. Y.....	1 25
	" Flatbush, L. I.....	13 85
	" Greenport, Col. Co., N. Y.....	2
	" Centreville, N. J.....	10
	Fourth " Grand Rapids, Mich.....	5
	Third " Raritan, N. J.....	7 12
	" South Bergen, N. J.....	1 76
	German Evangelical Mission, New York City.....	10
	Reformed Church, Pompton, N. J.....	14 67
	" Middlebush, N. J.....	6 50
	" College Point, L. I.....	14 99
	Fifth " Philadelphia, Pa.....	5
	First " Raritan, N. J.....	5
	" Fultonville, N. Y.....	13
	" Queens, L. I.....	5 21
	" Florida, N. Y.....	2
	" Syracuse, N. Y.....	5 14
	" Fonda, N. Y.....	17
	" Lodi, N. Y.....	7 88
	First " Claverack, N. Y.....	13
	" Upper Red Hook, N. Y.....	16
	Second " Cocksackie, N. Y.....	25
	German Evangelical Ref'd Church, Brooklyn, L. I.....	6
	German Evangelical Mission Church, New York City.....	10
	Reformed Church, Coeymans, N. Y.....	3 60
	" Boonton, N. J.....	4
	" Fort Miller, N. Y.....	3
	" West Farms, N. Y.....	1 27
	Second " Newark, N. J.....	3 81
	" Gravesend, L. I.....	7
	First " Totowa, N. J.....	7
	" Lodi, N. J.....	2
	Amount carried forward.....	\$138,280 51

1885.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$138,280 51
April 30	By Cash received from Fourth Ref'd Ch., Philadelphia, Pa.....	5
	" Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	49 10
	" New Brooklyn, L. I.....	2 50
	" Herkimer, N. Y.....	2 36
	" Kreischerville, S. I.....	1
	" East Williamson, N. Y.....	6 50
	Ave. B and 6th St. Ger. Evang'l Mission, New York City.....	6
	Holland Reformed Church, New York City.....	2 12
	First Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.....	3
	Reformed Church, Wawarsing, N. Y.....	1 09
	Boght " Cohoes, N. Y.....	2
	First " Kalamazoo, Mich.....	23 21
	North " Marletown, N. Y.....	4 35
	German " Rome, N. Y.....	9 50
	" Melrose, N. Y.....	5
	Member of 1st Ref'd Church, Astoria, L. I.....	2 50
	4th German Reformed Church, N. Y. City.....	5
	Reformed Church, Harlingen, N. J.....	5 75
	" Tappan, N. Y.....	2 82
	" Courtlandtown, N. Y.....	3 56
	Ger. Evang'l Ref'd Church, Yorkville, N. Y.....	1
	De Spelder Reformed Church.....	2
	Second Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	5
	Reformed Church, Kiskatom, N. Y.....	6 32
	" Onesquethaw, N. Y.....	1 28
	" Kinderhook, N. Y.....	33 49
	First " Glenville, N. Y.....	5
	Holland " Wortendyke, N. J.....	5
	" New Hackensack, N. Y.....	5
	Of the Clove Ref'd Church, High Falls, N. Y.....	3 35
	34th Street Ref'd Church, New York City.....	10
	Reformed Church, Ellenville, N. Y.....	24 75
	Trinity " Plainfield, N. J.....	20
	First " Spring Lake, Mich.....	2
	" South Bend, Ind.....	1 20
	" Fort Plain, N. Y.....	9 25
		2,211 06
30	By Cash received for INTEREST ON BONDS AND MORTGAGES, NOTES, ETC., during the year, viz:	
	1884.	
	May.....	\$1,604 30
	June.....	450
	July.....	1,233
	August.....	1,785
	September.....	1,458 12
	October.....	12,136 66
	November.....	3,240 30
	December.....	927 66
	1885.	
	January.....	795
	February.....	1,241 25
	March.....	1,539 13
	April.....	14,286 26
		40,696 68
		<u>\$181,188 25</u>
May 1	By balance brought forward.....	\$1,824 11
	E. & O. E.	
	NEW YORK. May 1st, 1885.	

The subscribers, a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN VAN NEST, Treasurer, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand, of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four dollars and eleven cents.

WILLIAM BOGARDUS, }
JOHN LEFFERTS. } Committee.

NEW YORK. May 20th, 1885.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

IN THE

Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., May 1, 1885.

Van Rensselaer.....	\$1,700	
Wm. Patterson Van Rensselaer.....	1,700	
Rutgers.....	1,700	
Heyer.....	1,700	
Cornell.....	2,000	
Wyckoff.....	2,500	
Margaret Burgess.....	1,700	
John Clark.....	3,000	
James Bogert, Jr.....	2,000	
Isaac L. Kip.....	1,700	
Tannake Turk.....	1,700	
Richard Cadmus.....	2,000	
Stryker.....	2,000	
Hornbeck. Two scholarships.....	4,000	
Freeborn.....	2,000	
James Bogart, Jr. Second scholarship.....	2,000	
Cuyler.....	2,000	
Margaret Ten Eyck.....	2,000	
Catalina Ten Eyck.....	2,000	
Daniel L. Schanck.....	3,000	
Moses Cowan.....	2,500	
Bequest of Samuel Gates.....	1,745	98
Theodore Frelinghuysen DeWitt.....	2,500	
James Suydam. Four scholarships.....	12,000	
Edward Lansing Pruyn.....	2,500	
Maria R. Lefferts.....	8,402	64
Garret Y. Lansing.....	2,500	
Ernest Blois.....	2,500	
Bequest of Joshua Hornbeck.....	2,000	
Bequest of Ann James.....	2,500	
Bequest of James B. Laing.....	7,500	
Louisa Hasbrouck.....	5,000	
Jacob Polhemus.....	2,500	
Abraham Storms.....	2,000	
Gardner A. Sage. Two scholarships.....	5,000	
Bequest of Maria Van Antwerp for the James Van Antwerp Scholarship.....	2,522	72
Bequest of Jane Brinkerhoff.....	5,000	
		—\$111,071 34
Bequests, etc., for the education of pious young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.		
Bequest of Nicholas Lansing.....	600	
Bequest of Janet Hinchman.....	470	
Bequest of John Kline.....	500	
Gain on sale of Government Bonds.....	468	54
		—2,038 54
		\$113,109 88

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1885.

Dr. Expense Account of the General Synod

1884.			
May	5	To Cash paid expense of Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South, on account.....	\$30
	12	Expense of Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States. On account of salary, etc., of the Stated Clerk of General Synod.....	11 53
	31	Insurance on Peter Hertzog Hall, 3 years....	100
June	7	Expense of Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South, on account.....	320
	10	Insurance on Professorial dwellings at New Brunswick, N. J., 1 year.....	15
	23	Salary of Permanent Clerk of General Synod \$100; expenses, \$31 90.....	21 40
	23	Expenses of Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South, balance.....	131 90
	24	Salary of Stated Clerk of General Synod and expenses, balance.....	53 50
	28	Salary, etc., of Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents.....	232 09
	28	Expenses of General Synod's Member of Hope College Council.....	37 40
July	2	Expense of Rev. John A. De Baum, D.D., attending installation of Prof. Lausing....	52 56
Oct.	7	For printing 175 Annual Reports.....	12
Nov.	1	Re-lettering and renovating the "Van Bunschooten Tomb".....	9 75
	1	Expenses attendant on the "Centennial" at New Brunswick, N. J.....	30
	13	Insurance on Hope College buildings, etc., 1 year.....	254 73
Dec.	24		63 75
1885.			
Jan.	6	Insurance on furniture in Peter Hertzog Hall, 1 year.....	17 53
	14	Expenses of Rev. Seine Bolks, attendant on installation of Prof. Steffens.....	50
Feb.	6	Expenses of Committee on increase of Seminary Fund.....	25 84
Mar.	11	Salary of Janitor of P. Hertzog Hall and fuel.....	120
April	6	Expense attendant on the "Centennial," additional.....	14 50
	18	Expense attending meeting of Committee on new Hymn Book.....	2
	30	Apportionment of Treasurer's salary.....	418 42
	30	Salaries of the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., during the year, viz: Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D. \$2,500 Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D. 2,500 Rev. John De Witt, D.D. 2,500	7,500
	30	To balance carried forward.....	2,392 88
			\$11,916 78

ANNUAL DIGEST.

The Board of Direction submits to General Synod its Annual Digest, as follows:

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BUNSCHOOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1885, to.....	\$20,313 57
(Of which \$19,300 is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, \$1,000 in real estate, and \$13 57 uninvested.)	
There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	1,440 70
Balance on hand April 1st, 1885.....	13 57

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1885, to.....	\$2,000
(Which is invested on bonds secured by mortgages.)	
No payments during the year.	
Balance on hand April 1st, 1885.....	174 52

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885....	\$113,109 88
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.....	3,210 20

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....	\$11,307 50
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.....	323 74

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested for the General Fund, on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....	\$96,894 50
Also interest from Permanent Contingent Fund.....	12 30
	<u>\$96,906 80</u>
Fourth Professorial Fund.....	30,597 66
Thomas DeWitt Professorship.....	6,015
	<u>\$133,519 46</u>
Amount of subscription to the Permanent Fund upon which interest is received....	\$5,000
Thirteen shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock.....	

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....	<u>\$3,905 93</u>
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CENTENNIAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....	<u>\$678 43</u>
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VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

This Fund is composed of ten bonds of \$1,000 each of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company, on which no interest is received.....	<u>\$10,000</u>
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DONATION OF COLONEL HENRY RUTGERS.

Amount of this Fund is held in trust for Rutgers College..	\$5,000
Interest received on this Fund.....	<u>250</u>

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....	\$66,255 57
There has been paid to Annuitants out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	4,078 82
Amount withdrawn by subscribers.....	195
Balance on hand April 30th, 1885.....	<u>4,746 65</u>

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....	\$53,767 28
There has been paid out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	5,600
Balance on hand April 30th, 1885.....	<u>3,542 81</u>

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG

This Legacy, the interest of which is to be applied to keeping in good order and repair the "Peter Hertzog Theological Hall," is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....

\$10,000

Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.....

298 47

THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" ENDOWMENT FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....

\$25,000

Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885

1,712 32

THE GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....

\$35,000

Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.....

3,616 62

THE GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....

\$20,000

Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.....

766 19

THE GARDNER A. SAGE SPECIAL FUND FOR FULLY COMPLETING THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LIBRARY BUILDING.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....

\$2,609 49

THE "GARDNER A. SAGE" LEGACY FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A NEW PROFESSORSHIP IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY SITUATE AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Legacy invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc., April 30th, 1885.....

\$50,000

Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1885.....

551 17

THE "JAMES SUYDAM" PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND
POLEMIC THEOLOGY IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
SITUATE AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, etc., April 30th, 1885.	\$60,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.	948 57
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THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE MAINTENANCE
AND SUPPORT OF "JAMES SUYDAM" HALL.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, etc., April 30th, 1885.	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.	70 59
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THE "JAMES SUYDAM" LEGACY FOR THE REPAIR AND
IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, etc., April 30th, 1885.	\$20,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.	475 26
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FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OR ERECTION OF A DWELLING
FOR THE PRESIDENT OF HOPE COLLEGE AT HOLLAND,
MICH.

Cash on hand, amount of subscriptions paid.	\$2,360
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HOPE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, etc., April 30th, 1885.	\$34,074 95
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.	1,018 32
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PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY
AT HOPE COLLEGE, MICHIGAN.

Amount of this Fund invested on bonds secured by mort- gages, etc., April 30th, 1885.	\$30,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.	500 60
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SYNOD'S FUND FOR TEMPORARY CONTINGENCIES.

Amount to the credit of this Fund April 30th, 1885.	\$13,083 86
(Income of this fund to be appropriated as Synod may direct.)	

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Legacy of Mrs. Rachel Ann Ryerson.

Amount of legacy invested on bond secured by mortgage

April 30th, 1885.....	\$2,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1885.....	62 91
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EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Amounts transferred to this account.....	\$1,121 16
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ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages.....	\$726,314 38
Bond of Collegiate Ref'd Dutch Church.....	5,000
Railroad bonds.....	12,000
Cash in bank.....	1,824 11
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	\$745,138 49

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD,

As reported by the Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., Stated Clerk.

Dr.

To arrears of last year received.....	\$41 60
To cash received from Classes for Minutes of 1884.....	595 84
To cash received from sales at Synod's Rooms.....	45 50
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	\$682 94

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By balance paid Stated Clerk.....	\$8 37
By cash paid for printing Minutes of 1884....	646 87
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	655 24
Balance on hand.....	\$27 70
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Due from one Classis.....	\$26

WILLIAM BOGARDUS, *President.*

T. W. CHAMBERS, }
 JOHN LEFFERTS, } *Directors.*
 WM. H. KIRK, }

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer*

NEW YORK, May 22d, 1885.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

May 1st, 1885.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

In accordance with the resolution of General Synod, I herewith forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod, for the year commencing May 1st, 1885.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Salaries of three Professors.....	\$7,500
Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents and expenses.....	35
Salary of the Janitor of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall and fuel.....	120
Salary of the Treasurer of General Synod, apportionment....	450
Insurance on Professorial Dwellings.....	50
Sundries.....	200
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	\$8,355
Estimated income for the year.....	\$7,500
Balance on hand, May 1st, 1885.....	2,392 88
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	9,892 88
Estimated surplus.....	\$1,537 88

OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago.....	\$550
Traveling expenses of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies....	250
Salary of Stated Clerk and expenses.....	300
Salary of Permanent Clerk and expenses.....	135
Expenses of Meeting of General Synod.....	100
Sundries.....	150
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Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes.....	\$1,485

JOHN VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

Dr. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30TH, 1885.

To bonds and mortgages and bonds and notes.	\$743,314 38
To cash.	1,824 11
To suspense account.	1,121 16



\$746,259 65

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. Cr.

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30TH, 1885.

By Education Fund.....	\$113,109	88
Education Fund income.....	3,219	20
Parochial School Fund.....	11,651	24
Permanent Seminary Fund.....	133,519	46
Permanent Contingent Fund.....	3,905	93
Donation of Col. Henry Rutgers.....	5,250	
Widows' Fund.....	66,255	57
Widows' Fund income.....	4,746	65
Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	53,767	28
Disabled Ministers' Fund income.....	3,542	81
Vedder Lecture Fund.....	10,000	
James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology.....	60,948	57
Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog.....	10,398	47
Hope College Endowment Fund.....	34,074	95
Hope College income account.....	1,018	32
Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich.....	30,500	60
Centennial Seminary Fund.....	678	43
Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America.....	2,062	91
Endowment Fund for the support and maintenance of the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	35,000	
Income of the Endowment Fund for the support and maintenance of the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	3,616	62
Special Fund for fully completing the Gardner A. Sage Library Building.....	2,609	49
Endowment Fund for the purchase of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	20,000	
Income of the Endowment Fund for the purchase of books for the Gardner A. Sage Library.....	766	19
The Gardner A. Sage Endowment for the support and maintenance of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall..	25,000	
Income of the Gardner A. Sage Endowment for the sup- port and maintenance of the Peter Hertzog Theologi- cal Hall.....	1,712	32
The Gardner A. Sage Endowment (Legacy) for a new Professorship in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	50,551	17
The "James Suydam" Legacy for the maintenance and support of the "James Suydam" Hall.....	20,000	
Income of the "James Suydam" Legacy for the main- tenance and support of the "James Suydam" Hall..	70	59
The "James Suydam" Legacy for the repairs and im- provements of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J ...	20,000	
Income of the above named Legacy.....	475	26
Fund for the erection of a dwelling for the President of Hope College, Mich.....	2,360	
Expense Account.....	2,392	88
The Synod's Fund for Temporary Contingencies.....	13,083	86
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	\$746,259	65

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report that the following papers have been referred to them:

Annual Report of the Board of Direction.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

Annual Digest.

List of Securities belonging to General Synod.

Balance Sheet.

List of Endowed Scholarships, &c., in the Theological Seminary.

Education Fund Account.

Education Fund Account, Income.

Parochial School Fund Account.

Hope College Endowment Fund Account.

Hope College Income Account.

Expense Account.

Estimate of Expenses for the Current Year.

Van Bunschooten Fund Account.

Knox Fund Account.

All of the above documents were presented to General Synod by the Board of Direction.

By referring to the Report of the Board of Direction and the Annual Digest of the Board, which are printed and have been distributed to the members of Synod, and will also be printed in the Acts and Proceedings of Synod, we have a statement of finances which is quite satisfactory.

While your Committee and the Synod have complete and entire confidence in the Board of Direction, your Committee would suggest that hereafter, in the schedule sent to Synod, entitled "List of Securities Belonging to the General Synod," in addition to the statement now made in said schedule, there shall be attached in case of each loan the present estimated value of the property, and whether the loan is a first security upon the property covered by the mortgage or lien.

Your Committee recommend that the Board of Direction be allowed to use their discretion in withholding the increase made last year to Annuitants of ten per cent., for the reasons given by the Board in their report to this Synod.

There is also this statement in said Report of the Board of Direction:

“Application has been made on behalf of Mrs. Serenbetz, now infirm, and in dependent circumstances, a daughter of the late Rev. John C. Gulden, an exemplary minister of our Church, who was a subscriber to the Widows’ Fund for fourteen years, and up to the time of his death, but whose family never received anything from it.

“The existing rules make no provision for such a case, and the Board report the matter for the judgment of the Synod.”

Your Committee believe that Synod has no right to withdraw from the “Widows’ Fund” any sum of money and apply it in satisfaction of an application of this nature. The Widows’ Fund cannot be so diverted.

The case of Mrs. Serenbetz commends itself to each member of Synod, and your Committee rejoice that by the wisdom of the last General Synod there is a Fund of the Church, from the *income* of which this Synod may draw and make provision to satisfy this meritorious application.

Your Committee have made an estimate, and find that the amount paid into the “Widows’ Fund” by the Rev. Mr. Gulden, with interest, would amount at this time to about \$400.

Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction pay to Mrs. Serenbetz, daughter of the Rev. John C. Gulden, deceased, \$400 out of the *income* of “Synod’s Fund” for temporary contingencies.

The estimate of the Board for contingent expenses of Synod for the present year is \$1,485.

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,285 be apportioned among the several Classes and be collected from them.

Concerning the salaries of Professors Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the salaries of Professors Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest for the present year be \$2,500 each, payable quarterly, with a residence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. S. DANFORTH,	} Committee.
S. R. W. HEATH,	
C. C. VAN REYPEN,	
HENRY CAMERDEN, JR.,	
H. W. BOOKSTAYER,	

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE SAME COMMITTEE.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church :

Your Committee on the Board of Direction have had referred to them by Synod a communication made by Rev. Dr. Charles Scott, President of Hope College and a member of Hope Council, as follows:

HOLLAND, MICH., June 8, 1885.

To the Gen. Synod R. C. A., in Session at Syracuse, N. Y. :

Some time before 1878, Rev. Dr. Phelps and Rev. A. T. Stewart conveyed to the General Synod certain lands in Holland, Mich., which lands had, in 1867, been donated to the College or Council by Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, D.D.

In June, 1878, the Executive Committee of the Council applied to the Board of Direction to have the said property conveyed back to the Council. (See Minutes 1878, page 41.)

In June, 1879, the Synod authorized and recommended "to reconvey the above described property, &c." (Minutes 1879, page 270.)

The reconveyance was not made, and the Council did not again ask for it until 1880. The Board, not recalling the action of 1879, referred the matter to the Synod, and the result is recorded. (Minutes of 1883, page 247.)

The attention of the Board of Direction was called to the Minutes of 1879, page 270, and at first it was deemed sufficient. But I am just informed that the counsel of the Board in New York advised the Treasurer that the action of 1882 destroys the authority of the action of 1879.

I would therefore personally ask, in the name of the Council of Hope College (for I have no time to call even the Executive Committee together), that it would renew

the resolution of 1879, and direct the Board of Direction to reconvey the property. The deed needs to be for the very same *parcels* or *descriptions* as were conveyed to the General Synod by Drs. Phelps and Stewart.

The Council has sold part of this land, and wishes to give a deed to the purchasers. It needs the title at once.

Taxes, &c., are all paid, and there has been nothing to vitiate the ownership of the land.

Praying for immediate action,

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. SCOTT.

Your Committee have examined into the matters referred to by Dr. Scott in his communication, and would recommend that this Synod reaffirm the action of Synod of 1879, on page 270, by adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorized to reconvey the above described property to the Council of Hope College.

Respectfully submitted.

P. S. DANFORTH,	} <i>Committee.</i>
S. R. W. HEATH,	
HENRY CAMERDEN, JR.,	
C. C. VAN REYPEN,	

Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., was elected a member of the Board for the full term of five years in the place of Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., whose term of service has expired.

William Bogardus was elected President.

John Van Nest was elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received from Rev. N. D. Williamson, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Rev. J. A. Todd, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the

United States, and from Rev. B. C. Lippincott, delegate to the Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

A letter from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was received, and read in connection with the report of the Committee on Correspondence.

The credentials of Rev. James Bruce, as delegate from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and of Rev. Samuel M. Ramsay, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, were received. Mr. Bruce appeared and addressed the Synod, the President responding. Rev. Mr. Ramsay sent a communication, which was received after the adjournment.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report :

They have received the following papers:

1. The credentials of Rev. James Bruce, as delegate from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Mr. Bruce has appeared and addressed the Synod.

2. A letter from Rev. Wm. McLaren, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in response to the written communication of Rev. C. S. Hageman, delegate from this Synod to that body. The letter conveys the cordial salutations of the Assembly, and should properly be heard by the Synod.

3. A report from the Rev. N. D. Williamson, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America (North), stating that he attended the session of the Assembly at Cincinnati, O., and was cordially received ; that he addressed that body on May 28, 1885, and received in return the cordial greeting of the Moderator and the salutations of the Assembly for this Synod. Special interest attached to this as a centennial occasion, from the fact, of which due mention is made, that "formulated friendly intercourse between the two Churches began in October, 1785."

The Rev. B. C. Lippincott also reports that being unable to attend the meeting of the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church in person, to which body he was appointed a delegate, he addressed a letter to that body conveying the fraternal greetings of the Reformed Church.

A like communication from the Rev. J. A. Todd, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, reports that he discharged the duty assigned him by sending to that body a fraternal letter in the name of the Synod, that the same was read and referred for reply to the Committee on Correspondence.

Also, from Rev. J. M. Reiner, stating that he presented in person the Christian greetings and fraternal salutations of this Synod to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, at Harrisburgh, Pa. He was most cordially received, and addressed the body, and received in return the expression of a wish for the continuance of such friendly relations between the two bodies.

4. A communication from Mr. Charles D. Kellogg, Secretary of the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, in reference to the time of its meeting and the delegates to and from that body. It seems to require no action.

5. A letter from the Rev. G. D. Mathews, D.D., Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, enclosing a copy of the Minutes of its last meeting, and calling special attention to the following resolution contained therein:

“*Resolved*, That the Supreme Ecclesiastical Judicatories of the various American Churches, represented in the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, be memorialized to appropriate, from their contingent funds, the amounts needed for the annual current expenses of the Alliance, as determined and asked for by the Executive Commission, viz: for 1885-6, \$3,000.”

This resolution is explained in the following communication received from the Rev. T. W. Chambers :

To the General Synod :

The undersigned having been requested by his fellow delegates to the Third General Council of the Alliance of the
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Reformed Churches, to act as their Chairman, respectfully in their name reports to the General Synod, as follows :

The Council was held at Belfast, Ireland, where it was received with a generous hospitality. There was a large attendance of delegates from all quarters of the globe, and the proceedings were interesting and important.

In order to carry on the work of the Alliance, a large executive Commission in two sections, one European, the other American, was appointed to act during the intervals between the meetings of the Council. One of your delegates was made Chairman of the American section. It is the purpose of the Commission to appoint a Secretary, whose whole time shall be given to the service of the Alliance. The money requisite to pay his salary, and such other expenses as may be incurred, has been apportioned among the different churches. A letter from Geo. Junkin, Esq., Treasurer of the American section, informs me that the proportion of our Church for the year 1885-6 is \$205. I venture to suggest that this sum be provided in the same way as the other "Expenses of the General Synod," and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same to the Treasurer of the Commission on or before the first of January next. All of your delegates are satisfied that the expenditure is a wise one, and that its results will be efficient and gratifying.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

New York, April 25, 1885.

Chairman.

Your Committee are well convinced of the value to this Church, and to the cause of Christ at large, of the continued labors of such a committee. The amount desired seems altogether reasonable. We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the sum of \$205 be appropriated for the expenses of the American Branch of the Executive Committee of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches for 1885-6.

Resolved, That this sum be provided in the same manner as the other expenses of the General Synod, and that the Treasurer of the General Synod be directed to pay the same to the Treasurer of the Committee on or before the 1st of January next.

6. Your Committee have had referred to them a resolution submitted by the Committee on Judicial Business, in relation to correspondence with other denominations. Your Committee believe that the resolution states a principle the truth of which cannot be questioned, and recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the comity of churches laboring in the cause of "One Lord Jesus Christ," requires the mutual recognition of the validity of ecclesiastical discipline.

Your Committee would call the attention of the Synod to the fact that delegates were appointed, in June, 1884, to no less than seven corresponding bodies. It is to be presumed that these delegates have been duly notified of their appointment, and of the place of meeting of the body to which they were accredited. Yet from only a portion of these delegates has any report of their action been received. It seems to your Committee that if correspondence is to be maintained at all with other bodies, it should be conducted with regularity and fidelity. We therefore propose the following :

Resolved, That the delegates who shall be appointed at this session of the General Synod to corresponding bodies, be earnestly desired to perform the office assigned them, either in person or by letter according to existing rules, and make suitable and seasonable reports thereof to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY N. COBB, *Chairman*.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America: Rev. W. E. Griffis, *Primarius*; Rev. E. T. Corwin, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South): Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, *Primarius*; Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America: Rev. C. L. Wells, *Primarius*; Rev. Henry Ward, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: Rev. J. H. Karsten, Primarius; Rev. F. V. Van Vranken, Secundus.

To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church: Rev. Roderick Terry, Primarius; Rev. J. L. Danner, Secundus.

To the Reformed Church in the United States: Rev. L. Dykstra, Primarius; F. S. Schenck, Secundus.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church: Rev. J. C. Van Deventer, Primarius; Rev. P. T. Pockman, Secundus.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report:

1. We have compared the detailed statements of the individual churches and the condensed reports of the Particular Synods with the Statistical Tables, and tried from this comparison to form satisfactory conclusions as to the present condition of our general Church. We are met at the outset by a difficulty which in despite of all that has been, and still may be said about it, we fear will never be wholly overcome. Nearly fifty of our churches have sent in no written statements of their condition to their respective Classes, and more than twenty have neglected to furnish even their statistical figures. And even many of the churches which have sent in statements and statistics have dispatched the former in a wholly perfunctory style, and left the latter unsatisfactory in the extreme. Our tables call for figures under fifteen headings. Leaving out wholly those columns in which a total blank, perhaps, generally represents a cypher, viz: the columns of admissions, dismissions, suspensions and deaths, we find in the other columns blanks that ought not to exist,

and that operate as almost fatal obstacles to the formation of adequate conclusions as to our real condition. We have a number of blanks even under the head of "Families," many even under that of "Total in Communion," many under those of "Infants Baptized" and "Adults Baptized," and many under that of "Religious and Benevolent Contributions." We think that wherever a blank represents a cypher, as it certainly does in most cases in the column of "Suspensions," the cypher should be inserted, and that in every case where a figure or figures are properly called for, such figure or figures should, without fail, be supplied. Our tables have greatly improved as to fullness. But there is no good reason why any Classis should not make its tables full. The Committee felt that they ought to say all this, because the reports, as they are, do not give us the means of accurately estimating the condition of the Church. The statistics, as far as furnished, give the following aggregate result:

Classes, 34. The Classis of Iowa has been added since last year.

Churches, 525; a gain of 5.

Ministers, 561; a gain of 15.

Candidates, 16.

Families, 45,654; a gain of 256.

Received on Confession, 4,309; 79 less than last year.

Received on Certificate, 2,114; 301 less than last year.

Dismissed, 2,019; Suspended, 78; Died, 1,361. The losses in all amount to 3,458, leaving to the denomination a net gain to its total membership of 2,965.

Total now in Communion, 82,089. This, compared with the total of last year, 81,880, does not show the gain of 2,965 just given, but only a gain of 209. The discrepancy has been brought about through the active revision of former church rolls which is now in progress.

Infants Baptized, 4,277; Adults Baptized, 883; Baptized Non-Communicants, 28,417; Catechumens, 30,236. All these four columns are full of blanks and very unsatisfactory.

Sunday Schools, 732; Total of Scholars, 95,931. Both these items grow rapidly every year.

Religious and Benevolent Contributions, \$230,315.10; Contributions for Church Purposes, \$871,388.14, making the

total of money raised in the Church, as far as reports go, \$1,101,703.24.

We have thought it well to compare these results with those of past years, that it may be determined whether our Reformed Church in America is making progress. For this purpose we underwent the task of tabulating in one view the statistical summaries of the last twenty years. In 1866 we had 32 Classes; in 1870 our number became 33, and in 1872 it became 34. In 1876 it fell back again to 33, and during the past year it has again come up to 34. In 1866 we had 434 churches; in 1876 we had increased to 506, and now, in 1885, we have 525, making a gain of 91 churches in the last twenty, and of 19 churches in the last ten years. Our ministers in 1885 are 114 more than they were twenty, and 15 more than they were ten years ago. Our families about 37,000 twenty years ago, and about 42,000 ten years ago, now number nearly 46,000. Of changes upon the member roll by dismissals, suspensions and deaths, we need not speak. Our total membership in communion, about 55,000 in 1866, and about 74,000 in 1876, is now about 82,000. Our Sunday Schools and Sunday scholars have more than doubled in twenty years, but the growth has been much slower in the last than in the preceding ten. All our money giving, both for church purposes and for benevolence, was, as to face value, much less in the last ten years than in the previous ten. But that of the last ten represents by far the most heroic giving and the greatest real value, as the money conditions of the country and of the Church have greatly changed, and the amount of labor represented by one dollar, and the purchasing power of one dollar now, are probably equal to the labor represented by, and the purchasing power of, a good deal more than one dollar ten years ago. This comparative review the Committee thought they ought to give, that our ministry and people may be able to know the real condition of our Church. We offer no comment upon it, but leave it with the Lord.

2. We have sought to ascertain what the churches individually have felt, and what our denomination as a whole has seen and felt of the Holy Spirit's quickening power. We notice that at least a dozen different churches in each of the Particular Synods have been visited with unusual outpour-

ings. The tables need much consideration to protect a student of them from either overrating large or underrating small numbers in the column of "Received on Confession." Of course it occurs to us at once that the addition of 10 to a membership of 100 means, on general principles, as much as an addition of 20 to a membership of 200, or an addition of 100 to a membership of 1,000. But even further than this, there are little churches and even larger churches, but especially the former, whose fields are fields of very difficult character, calling for an amount of judgment to be used, and of toil to be expended, for the winning of even one soul to Christ, of the necessity for which many of our people and churches have no conception. On some fields other men have sowed, and present men have little to do but to reap. In some churches the trees have been a long time laden with gradually maturing fruit, which at present has little or nothing to do but just to be dropping. We have tried to look at the whole field with due consideration for the relative advantages and disadvantages of its different localities and churches. It is certain that with a very considerable number of the churches at home, and with certain localities in our Mission fields abroad, the year has been a year of the right hand of the Most High. In many places where painful drought had long prevailed, the labors of our brethren and their people have been extraordinarily blessed to the ingathering of souls. We fear to name individual churches for two reasons: first, because we cannot name one without naming all, and secondly, because, as we have already intimated, the largest single accession may not represent as large an amount of work done or of blessing sent down as many a smaller one. But we urge every minister and every elder to examine the tables closely, that no one may fail to acquaint himself with the grace of God to our churches, or fail to rejoice with those ministers and elders who are coming up from so many quarters rejoicing and bringing their sheaves with them. It is right for us to mark and magnify God's grace to us, and it would be wrong for us not to note the cheering facts of our time in the conditions of our Church.

But there is another side of the picture. Some of your Committee themselves come from parts of the Church which have not been thus favored. It would be wrong for us not

to feel and be grateful to God for the continuance to us and ours, of our churches and our means of grace, and for what we can see, if we will keep our eyes open, of the Holy Spirit's presence with us. But we are in an experience of painful drought. Our own churches are mourning the withholding from us of the special outpouring of the Spirit, and it seems to us that this has been for some years, and still is, a widely felt experience of the general heritage of the Lord. The spirit of worldliness is enthroned within the great Church, and for a long time fresh conquests of souls for our Lord have been comparatively few. Faithful ministers are always ready to suspect themselves of being in some way the cause when their Lord's work seems to languish. We cannot say what the special reason may be, but the simple fact must be patent to all observers, that there is not large power going out at present with the Word. It may be that the enemy is redoubling his activity, and that he is coming upon the Church under new disguises, against which we are not on the alert. Of one thing we are sure, viz: that the times call for increased watchfulness unto prayer, and for the utmost fidelity on the part of the Church to the appointed means of grace. It should be the general cry, "Oh! Lord, wilt Thou not revive us again, that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?" Never was more toil expended on the Word and with the Word. Never was more money given to the Church, if we consider, not the face value, but the purchasing power of money. Churches are built, colleges, seminaries, institutions and boards are sustained, and even endowed. All that is needed is an increase of vital religion. Many hearts are crying, "How long, Lord, how long?" The Spirit hides Himself to a remarkable extent. He holds His gracious quickening back. When will this gracious quickening come?

3. We have looked at the giving of the Church, first to *all* objects, and then more especially to *benevolence*. For *all* objects it seems, as far as the reports go, the general Church has given for its 82,089 members, an average of about \$13.41 each, and for benevolence an average of about \$2.80 each. Your Committee cannot judge how this would compare with the real ability of the denomination, if it were fairly distributed. But there is abundant evidence that it is not thus distributed. If no one is over-giving, and we do not believe

any one is, then the average named is far short of what it ought to be. In any event this is a stubborn fact, that a very considerable part of the Church is not giving at all, either to home expenses or to benevolence. Especially as to benevolence, much of our Church ground is not worked at all. There is still much lack among the churches, notwithstanding the efforts made by our Boards to supply it, of information in regard to what the Lord's work is and what it needs. Then too, many churches are very feeble, and many have no pastors, and even some pastors are uninformed and proportionably inefficient. But in all churches to some extent even yet, a false impression prevails among the masses as to the present binding force of our Lord's commission to his Church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. The most important unworked territory of our Church, lies not in the little, the struggling, the obscure churches, so often and so much reproached, as in the larger and stronger churches actively represented, and sometimes imposingly represented in our tables of giving. Hundreds of financially strong people lie back in the cushioned pews of their churches during the most impassioned appeals, and afterwards allow others around them to do all the giving. Their views are radically wrong, and their lack of devotion to the Lord they profess to love is worse. We know of no way to manage this great iceberg in the Church, but to go on diffusing information, to present with increasing earnestness, our Lord's giving of Himself for us as our motive for giving to Him, to show with clearness what He expects of His people, to urge giving both as a duty and a privilege, to preach the Church's mere trusteeship of the possessions in her hands, and to dwell upon the account which each child of God will surely and soon be called to give of his own personal trusteeship. A vast amount might be said on this subject, but no suggestions of a mere report like this can ever create or even quicken that subtle tact in pastors and officers, which alone can meet our want. The fact is before us that the \$13.41 average per year for all needs, and the \$2.80 average per year for benevolence from our 82,089 members, come after all from a part only of these members, while the rest, a very considerable proportion of the whole, do not give anything at all.

Meanwhile, in general, the Church is called to rejoice that

its work is still sustained. The year's result as to our Foreign Missions is intensely gratifying. But the fact that efforts for both our Boards of Missions is so spasmodic, and that to keep them going requires such continuity and urgency of appeal—this is very trying to the hearts of devoted friends of the Redeemer and of souls. We feel that the mind and heart of the Church ought to grow into a sense of the importance of regularity and system in its giving, as well as of the importance of reaching and thoroughly working every spot in its field. We are growing towards system, we think, but it is still a long way from having been reached.

4. The Synod has referred to this Committee the following overture from the Classis of New Brunswick :

“*Whereas*, A regular register, in tabulated form, of all ecclesiastical changes in the Reformed Church in America, has never heretofore been kept, and

“*Whereas*, it is extremely desirable, and also in accordance with the ancient usages of the Church from which we have sprung, to keep such a register; therefore

“*Resolved*, That the Classis of New Brunswick respectfully petition the General Synod to take measures to secure, through a system of blank forms to be prepared for the purpose, a complete tabulated register of all ecclesiastical changes, to be printed yearly with the Minutes of the General Synod, and that such register shall contain columns for names, dates of licensures, ordinations, dismissions and deaths, and also a column for special remarks.”

5. We have to report to the Synod the departure of the following ministerial brethren to their heavenly reward :

June 24, 1884, Rev. H. R. Koopman.

July 22, 1884, Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D.

Aug. 22, 1884, Rev. John B. Steele.

Oct. 20, 1884, Rev. Augustus H. Hager,

Nov. 6, 1884, Rev. Selah W. Strong.

Nov. 15, 1884, Rev. Arent H. Bechtold.

Dec. 12, 1884, Rev. Abraham W. Allen.

Dec. 23, 1884, Rev. Cornelius H. Edgar, D.D.

Jan. 2, 1885, Rev. Enoch Van Aken.

Jan. 15, 1885, Rev. Stephen Searle.

March 8, 1885, Rev. Leopold Mohn, D.D.

We suggest to the Synod in conclusion, the following resolutions for its consideration :

Resolved, That we rejoice in the tidings coming to us from many of our churches, of large outpourings of the Holy Spirit, and large ingathering of precious souls for Christ.

Resolved, That we feel deeply the tidings of continued withholding of the gracious quickening of the Spirit from other and large portions of the general Church, and recognize the new and urgent call upon us all, as ministers and elders, to redoubled earnestness in prayer, and to increased activity and intelligent directness in work for the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the Church.

Resolved, That we again urge upon our churches and our Classes, and especially upon our Stated Clerks, to perfect their annual statistical returns, and so to fill out each item in the columns that no doubt can arise as to whether a blank under any heading represents a cypher, or a real neglect to answer to the call of such heading in the report.

Resolved, That we repeat our appeal, so often made to the churches, to give close thought to the observance of system in all money giving, and particularly in all collecting for benevolent objects, so that mere spasms as to giving may cease to afflict our Boards, and their needed income may flow into them with regularity and evenly sustaining power.

Resolved, in reference to the overture from the Classis of New Brunswick respecting a tabulated register of ecclesiastical changes, that the matter be referred to the Stated Clerk of General Synod, with power.

Resolved, That the departures just announced of beloved brethren in the ministry to their rest and reward, bring us a special admonition to work while it is day, and to be ready for our own call away, which may come to us suddenly in such an hour as we think not.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID COLE, *Chairman*.
I. P. BROKAW,
ELBERT N. SEBRING.
J. B. GREGORY.

The following resolutions were adopted in reference to the death of Rev. Selah W. Strong :

Resolved, That in the early death of Rev. Selah W. Strong, Vice-President of the last General Synod, we recognize the hand of our covenant keeping and promise fulfilling God, and bow to His will with full assurance that He can make no mistake.

Resolved, That we receive this Providence of God as an admonition to be untiringly faithful to our life work, whether it may be in the ministry or in the eldership, and to live in constant readiness to meet the call, whenever it may come to us, to leave our spheres of earthly toil, and go to our reward and rest in heaven.

Resolved, That we are deeply grateful to the Head and King of the Church for sparing our brother so long for the earthly service, for causing to pass in review before us his high example of a faith that proved itself by abundant works, and for not taking him away till he had made for himself so honorable a record in the ministry of the Church.

Resolved, That this paper be published in the recognized organs of the Church, and that the Stated Clerk of Synod be requested to transmit a copy of it to the bereaved family of brother Strong.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Rec'd.	On Certificate.	On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Consecrational Purposes.
First, Albany.....	Vacant.....	229	6	1	12	12	12	452	5	5	.....	.....	1	373	\$1,124 04	\$6,907 20	Albany, N. Y.
Second, Albany.....	W. R. Davis.....	253	9	15	1	6	357	18	12	12	.....	70	1	408	5,940 21	11,485 86	"
Third, Albany.....	Edwin F. See.....	176	39	16	1	7	255	16	16	16	.....	40	1	377	267 78	3,667 35	"
Fourth, Albany.....	J. F. Neef.....	65	11	6	6	6	139	10	10	10	.....	74	1	130	80	950	"
Holland, Albany.....	Henry K. Boer.....	82	14	1	2	2	146	2	2	2	.....	60	1	138	308 64	1,142 49	"
First, Bethlehem.....	Joseph P. Davis.....	155	15	4	2	6	233	2	2	2	.....	60	1	330	104 60	1,851 50	Bethlehem Centre.
Second, Bethlehem.....	J. L. Pearse, (s. c.).....	90	6	4	2	2	206	6	6	6	.....	60	1	120	200	3,175	Adams' Station, New Salem.
Second, Berne.....	Vacant.....	77	7	3	3	2	113	37	37	37	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	Knox.
Knox.....	Vacant.....	28	2	1	3	2	37	11	11	11	.....	100	1	144	25 83	302 41	Clarksville.
Clarksville.....	C. M. Perlee.....	55	4	2	2	2	83	3	3	3	.....	75	1	75	256 64	1,352 38	Coeymans.
Coeymans.....	H. P. Craig.....	100	21	9	2	2	183	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 81	742 23	Clarksville.
Onsquehaw.....	C. M. Perlee.....	45	22	2	2	2	73	8	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 78	772 05	Jerusalem.
Jerusalem.....	Edwin Vedder.....	33	3	3	2	2	125	3	3	3	.....	173	1	160	83 53	2,165 49	New Salem.
New Salem.....	A. G. Lansing.....	105	1	3	7	4	211	6	6	6	.....	50	1	155	45	575	Union Church.
Unionville.....	A. C. Millsprugh.....	50	5	3	1	3	51	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	102	274 25	1,786 37	New Baltimore.
New Baltimore.....	A. M. Arcularius.....	87	2	4	2	3	180	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	75	16 42	147	Westerlo.
Westerlo.....	Vacant.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
Total.....	Total.....	1740	158	55	50	6	62	2941	79	44	.....	642	19	2735	\$8,766 53	\$37,022 13	

Office Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slanson, Whitehall, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. R. W. Clark, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Nyaek, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Enders, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. William Bailey, Cedar Hill, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.		COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	Total of Baptized.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.			Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Arcot.....	Moses Nathaniel.....	37	2	4	6	2	45	2	15	13	2	128	19	3	57	11	3	Arcot, Madras Presidency, In
Yelamuri.....	".....	140	2	22	22	1	56	4	130	93	6	581	73	1	35	13	1	"
Arni.....	Jno. Scudder, M.D.(s.c.).....	18	2	22	22	2	40	1	4	5	3	60	9	1	13	9	1	Arni,
Alicudal.....	".....	27	2	22	22	1	53	4	10	3	3	124	6	10	9	1	1	"
Gnanodham.....	".....	56	2	1	3	1	70	5	19	34	6	273	12	13	19	10	6	"
Marutavambadi.....	".....	17	2	1	1	1	24	5	17	22	1	87	5	7	3	12	1	"
Velumbi.....	".....	25	3	4	4	3	37	4	8	6	3	100	19	1	21	1	1	"
Chittoor.....	Andrew Sawyer.....	32	3	3	1	1	61	7	24	10	1	198	73	2	303	2	8	Chittoor,
Kottapadi.....	".....	80	1	3	1	1	81	5	11	119	7	124	10	8	25	12	5	"
Madhapalle.....	W. W. Scudder, D.D.....	113	4	2	2	1	62	4	166	170	8	398	88	12	3	86	1	Madhapalle,
Palamanur.....	".....	8	4	2	2	1	9	1	11	3	1	26	18	13	10	5	1	"
Vellore.....	Jared W. Scudder, M.D.....	69	4	2	12	6	130	13	26	4	1	247	173	14	8	104	1	Vellore,
Kandiputur.....	".....	103	2	2	2	2	130	13	5	71	5	387	21	7	4	13	14	"
Sekada.....	".....	89	2	2	2	2	104	3	2	54	2	317	14	1	7	1	8	"
Kattipadi.....	Abraham William.....	110	2	2	4	1	190	8	2	132	8	515	386	3	10	90	4	Kattipadi,
Tindivanam.....	John H. Wyckoff.....	19	3	4	1	1	98	4	1	11	1	107	56	10	7	46	4	Tindivanam,
Goonoor.....	".....	56	1	2	1	1	97	9	105	12	1	323	53	5	7	84	12	"
Saltambadi.....	".....	71	4	2	1	7	103	9	122	98	8	324	21	4	4	28	12	"
Oratur.....	Paul Bailey.....	71	3	2	2	4	94	10	99	83	3	275	11	1	3	25	11	"
Kolapakkam.....	".....	50	2	2	2	4	61	1	48	80	5	190	10	9	9	22	6	"
Narasimangur.....	".....	37	2	2	2	2	31	2	55	33	3	149	7	14	5	21	11	"
Varikkal.....	".....	38	4	2	2	2	31	3	65	54	3	152	8	7	5	16	1	"
Vedrapattu.....	".....	52	4	2	2	2	57	2	83	60	4	210	8	3	11	17	5	"
Total.....	Total.....	1349	38	38	41	19	1582	118	1103	1158	85	5088	1021	2	4	963	2	"

Other Ministers.—J. W. Conklin, in charge of Chittoor Station; L. Holman, M.D., in charge of Arcot Station; E. C. Scudder, Jr., Arni.
 Candidates.—A. Maslandini, T. Sour.

*A rupee is worth fifty cents. Contributions of the Missionaries are not included in these amounts.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		(Congregational Purposes.
English Neighborhood.	Andrew B. Taylor.	32	1	1	1	1	1	32	8	1	178	300	1	60	\$76 75	.....	Ridgfield, N. J.
First, Hackensack.	T. B. Romney.	130	4	6	8	1	1	8 367	12	1	178	300	1	397	1,500	\$3,500	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh.	George Seibert.	105	1	1	1	1	1	4 181	12	1	178	140	1	157	520 65	1,614 21	Schraalenburgh, N. J.
New Durham.	Vacant.	*45	1	1	1	1	1	153	1	1	178	150	1	150	520 65	1,614 21	Schraalenburgh, N. J.
Park Reformed, J. City.	J. Howard Snyder.	208	13	6	5	1	1	321	10	5	178	250	1	350	788 01	6,750 72	Jersey City, N. J.
First, Hoboken.	Isaac E. House.	58	5	1	1	1	1	78	6	1	178	24	1	245	138 56	902 05	Hoboken, N. J.
North Bergen.	John Austin.	*55	1	1	1	1	1	90	6	1	178	24	1	245	138 56	902 05	Jersey City, N. J.
Second, Hackensack.	Arthur Johnson.	82	1	1	1	1	1	90	6	1	178	24	1	245	138 56	902 05	Hackensack, N. J.
German Ev., Hoboken.	Vacant.	82	1	1	1	1	1	90	6	1	178	24	1	245	138 56	902 05	Hackensack, N. J.
Third, Hackensack.	Vacant.	82	1	1	1	1	1	90	6	1	178	24	1	245	138 56	902 05	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City.	Louis Gombel.	80	5	3	3	3	3	121	7	1	178	60	1	120	50 93	3,051 91	Hoboken, N. J.
Falaises.	F. V. Van Burskirk, (S. C.)	65	3	3	3	3	3	65	2	1	178	60	1	120	97 68	1,380	Hackensack, N. J.
Guttenburgh.	F. M. Bogardus.	*65	3	3	3	3	3	65	2	1	178	60	1	120	50 60	600	Closter, N. J.
Central Ave., J. City.	Vacant.	95	12	11	6	1	1	138	3	1	178	100	1	120	142 71	1,610	Port Lee, N. J.
Cherry Hill.	Charles S. Wright.	*39	1	1	1	1	1	61	3	1	178	100	1	120	142 71	1,610	Guttenburgh, N. J.
Spring Valley.	Vacant.	*36	1	1	1	1	1	61	3	1	178	100	1	120	142 71	1,610	Jersey City, N. J.
Secaucus.	Vacant.	*36	1	1	1	1	1	61	3	1	178	100	1	120	142 71	1,610	New Bridge, N. J.
Total.		1193	118	98	97	1	1	2372	336	8	403	1038	18	3179	\$3,385 89	\$20,241 92	Secaucus, N. J.

Other Ministers.—W. E. Gordon, Manhasset, Long Island; W. C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland Co., Va.; James H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.
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SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
		Rec'd.		Suspended.	Died.		Total now in Com-munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized	Non-Communicants.		Number of Cat-echumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
		On Confession	On Certificate.															
Bergen	Cornelius Brett.	215	17	6	9	316	9	5	240	290	2	2	360	\$1,880	55	\$9,393	29	509 Bergen Ave., Jersey City.
First, Jersey City	Wm. Westerfield, Jr., S. S.	100	2	1	2	154	5	...	25	35	1	1	163	154	90	2,643	97	116 Mercer St.,
First, Bayonne	Wm. W. Knox	150	20	4	2	257	13	3	200	160	2	2	455	528	37	4,814	06	Bayonne, N. J.
Second, Jersey City	Paul D. Van Cleef	120	10	9	15	221	8	1	100	170	1	1	310	916	74	4,133	81	288 Barrow St., Jersey City.
Bergen Point	James F. Riggs	75	10	21	72	4 104	5	1	50	80	1	1	130	850	...	4,000	...	Bergen Point, N. J.
Second, Hudson City	C. Doppenschmidt, P. E.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 Cambridge Av., Jersey City
Lafayette	E. A. Meury	133	27	4	9	324	39	1	178	293	1	1	324	260	...	2,200	...	14 Sherman Place,
Greenville	Wm. R. Duryce, (S. C.).	85	3	4	3	187	6	...	75	150	1	1	200	818	...	6,529	...	339 Pacific Ave.,
Free, Jersey City	P. T. Puckman	63	7	13	4	133	8	2	57	...	1	1	185	562	55	2,662	15	39 Columbia Place,
Third, Bayonne	Henry Mattee	70	21	2	5	139	27	3	122	50	1	1	230	110	...	1,174	66	242 Third Street,
South Bergen	C. F. A. Klein, S. S.	30	1	...	1	58	26	...	95	12	2	2	120	9	82	928	97	Bergen Point, N. J.
Fourth, Jersey City	Wm. Vanghan	63	10	15	1	121	17	2	100	180	1	1	292	60	65	1,624	97	104 Atlantic St., Jersey City.
1st Ger. Evam., J. City.	John Stachli	49	33	...	1	127	68	...	25	25	1	1	185	8	54	855	90	404 York St.,
St. John's Gr. Ev. Ber-gen	Gottlieb Andraa	75	25	...	...	139	21	...	10	5	1	1	150	14	75	4,000	...	222 Monticello Ave.,
Total	Total	1248	186	80	145	...	36,2280	252	18	1277	1390	16	3334	\$6,174	87	\$44,961	11	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Anernan, Prof. in Theological School, Tokio, Japan.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Religious and benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Canastota	Vacant	50	2	6	...	...	1	68	1	1	1	\$25	\$1,418 45	Canastota, N. Y.
Cleero	Vacant	30	1	...	...	...	33	33	1	1	1	25	3,033	Cleero, ..
Chittenango	C. O. Thatcher, (s. c.)	83	4	4	4	1	117	49	3	2	2	102	1,250	Chittenango, ..
Naumburg	Henry Ungland†	16	...	...	...	...	3	29	...	...	...	8 63	184 37	Naumburg, ..
New Bremen	J. W. Vaughan	10	...	...	...	...	3	125	...	...	...	...	...	New Bremen, ..
Owasco	Supplied	117	5	2	3	1	45	27	3	3	3	15 83	1,133 84	Owasco, ..
Owaseo Outlet*	Supplied	40	2	1	...	...	27	3	...	...	...	50 06	627 12	Auburn, ..
Point Rock	Evert Van Slyke, D.D.	10	5	...	...	...	5	290	3	1	1	...	250	West Leyden, ..
Syracuse	E. C. Lawrence†	168	4	1	...	...	92	171	5	5	5	1,210	4,000	Syracuse, ..
Thousand Isles	I. S. Hartley, D.D.	80	7	6	...	...	2	171	5	2	2	1,48 50	1,215 27	Alexandria Bay, ..
Utica	Supplied	122	4	...	...	...	1	60	3	...	...	1,579 32	5,891 87	Utica, ..
West Leyden	Supplied	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	250	West Leyden ..
Total		753	31	15	8	2	14	1106	21	16	12	\$3,280 34	\$19,943 92	

Other Ministers.—Peter Molling, Rome, N. Y.; Rev. George Rockwell, Tarrytown, New York; Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Tokio, Japan; Rev. Frederiek Kern, West Leyden, N. Y.; Rev. J. M. Reimer, Lyons Falls, N. Y.
 * Rev. R. H. Dexter.
 † Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.			BAP.		Total of Baptized & Non-Communica- tional %.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
		Number of Families.	Rec'd.		On Certificate.	On Confession		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Abbe Church.....	D. J. De Bey.....	62	10	1	1	1	1	1	59	1	733	\$121 95	\$864 83	Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.					
Arcadia.....	Wm. G. Bass.....	30	4	3	1	1	1	1	25	1	60	8 31	200	Newark, Wayne Co.					
Caroline.....	Vacant.....	83	7	1	4	188	5	3	50	1	110	107 30	775	Slaterville, Tompkins.					
Clymer.....	M. Van Doorn.....	110	12	2	13	3	218	12	50	1	14	11 90	68 15	Clymer, Chautauqua Co., "					
Dunkirk.....	Vacant.....	121	11	4	1	2	210	3	3	1	125	157 63	1,055 86	Dunkirk.					
East Williamson.....	J. W. Te Winkle.....	148	4	1	4	188	1	2	175	1	130	238 76	1,492 12	Williamson, Wayne Co.					
Farmer Village.....	Wm. H. Nasholds.....	149	35	8	16	3	218	23	50	2	325	135 10	1,022 77	Farmer Vill., Sen. Co.					
Geneva.....	Vacant.....	20	13	22	4	1	35	3	1	1	30	2 75	75	Geneva, Ontario Co.					
Lodi.....	Chester P. Murray.....	40	18	5	8	2	303	20	20	1	85	85 40	427 25	Lodi, Seneca Co.					
Marion.....	Matthew Kohn.....	211	18	5	8	2	303	20	160	1	295	1,136 98	2,583 18	Marion, Wayne Co.					
Mina.....	Vacant.....	20	13	22	4	1	35	3	20	1	89	110 36	485 75	Mina, Chautauqua Co.					
Ontario*.....	Vacant.....	211	18	5	8	2	303	20	160	1	295	1,136 98	2,583 18	Ontario, Wayne Co.					
Pultneyville.....	Peter De Bruyn.....	10	1	1	2	1	50	1	2	1	89	110 36	485 75	Pultneyville.					
Rochester.....	Vacant.....	954	110	48	51	2	26	1826	97	6	414	\$2,106 41	\$10,660 91	Rochester, Monroe.					
Tyre.....	Frederic W. Ruble.....	954	110	48	51	2	26	1826	97	6	414	\$2,106 41	\$10,660 91	Malcolm, Seneca Co.					
Total.....	Total.....	954	110	48	51	2	26	1826	97	6	414	\$2,106 41	\$10,660 91						

Other Ministers.—Rev. John Whitbeck, (s. c.), Ithaca, N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Roehrer, 1175 Michigan st., Buffalo; Rev. G. J. Reuskers, Emeritus pastor, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. B. Veenhuisen, Emeritus pastor, East Williamson, Wayne Co., N. Y.

* Organized, August 8, 1884.
+ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Number of Families.	On Confession		Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
			Rec'd.	On Certificate.														
Detroit.....	Gerritt Dangremont.....	25	9	9	1	...	4	53	8	...	89	40	95	\$61	\$257	Detroit.		
Fremont Centre.....	Josiah Meulendyk.....	20	6	6	...	...	...	33	6	...	10	31	40	4	357	63	Fremont Centre,
1st, Grand Haven.....	Henry E. Dosker.....	175	16	9	5	1	4	196	39	1	390	100	250	1,105	2,111	94	Grand Haven.	
2d, Grand Haven.....	Christian Van der Veen	466	...	...	...	...	...	118	5	...	320	100	140	176	816	05	"
2d, Grand Rapids.....	Egbert Winter.....	400	20	12	14	3	1	640	64	...	500	250	500	2,439	3,385	45	Grand Rapids,	
3d, Grand Rapids.....	Adrian Krickard.....	192	8	11	9	1	5	238	31	...	500	165	310	765	2,185	"	"	
4th, Grand Rapids.....	Peter de Pree.....	130	23	23	6	4	187	36	2	...	454	142	210	148	1,430	61	"	
Grandville.....	W. P. de Jonge.....	56	2	1	1	...	73	12	...	...	150	60	...	135	375	"	Grandville,
Kalamazoo.....	Nicholas H. Dosker.....	193	15	6	6	2	1	369	25	...	400	280	364	2,226	2,018	13	Kalamazoo,	
Montague.....	"	Muskegon.
Muskegon.....	Jacob Van der Meulen.	346	22	9	6	5	1	374	81	...	1100	230	250	1,099	2,369	"	Coopersville, Ottawa Co.,	
Volkton.....	Vacant.....	40	...	...	...	...	2	49	6	...	60	90	1	185	290	"	So. Haven, Van Buren Co.,
South Haven.....	Vacant.....	22	2	...	8	34	195	30	71	107	85	"	Spring Lake,
Spring Lake.....	Rense H. Joldersma.....	130	11	2	1	...	2	139	20	...	195	195	190	484	1,606	03	"	"
Twin Lakes.....	Vacant.....	19	...	5	2	35	120	51	54	206	199	04	"	Kalamazoo P. O.,
Total.....	Total.....	1824	205	112	70	12	32	2568	335	3	3624	1730	15	2518	\$6,052	38	\$17,489	11

*Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Athens.....	Herman Van Derwart.	98	10	10	...	...	3	174	...	1	57	...	1	\$247 47	\$1,663 04	Athens, N. Y.
Second, Athens.....	E. N. Sebring.....	20	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	105	Leeds,
First, Catskill.....	.....	250	12	9	8	...	7	412	8	3	224	175	3	779 28	3,282 30	Catskill,
First, Coxsackie.....	Bergen B. Staats.....	100	...	1	3	...	8	155	4	...	45	51	3	238 03	1,431 41	Coxsackie,
Second, Coxsackie.....	John H. Salisbury.....	140	...	8	4	...	4	289	5	6	68	150	1	659 54	2,179 92	Coxsackie,
Kiskatom.....	Geo. J. Van Neste.....	88	3	6	1	...	4	208	15	...	87	...	3	257 96	892 33	Kiskatom,
Leeds.....	E. N. Sebring.....	58	1	2	...	...	3	90	3	1	...	...	1	98	765 67	Leeds,
Total.....	Total.....	754	37	26	18	...	29	1,386	35	14	481	376	12	\$2,293 18	\$10,262 67	

Other Ministers.—Maurice G. Hansen, New Brunswick, N. J.; Benjamin Van Zandt (s. c.), Catskill, N. Y.; Sanford W. Roe, Cairo, N. Y.; John B. Thompson, Berkeley, Cal.

Candidates.—John Henry Brandon, Wm. Henry Boocock, Henry R. Du Bois, Melvin D. Brandon.

* 40 "non-resident" members not included

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.			Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Beaverdam.	P. G. M. Bahler	54	14	1	5	1	93	17	17	.....	95	1	95	\$155	\$412	Beaverdam, Ottawa Co., Mich	
Cleveland.	J. Van Houte.	54	4	2	2	2	70	6	6	.....	60	2	70	192 08	1,257 10	58 Hayward St., Cleveland, O	
Drenthe.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Drenthe, Ottawa Co., Mich.
East Overysse.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Overysse, Allegan Co., "
Ebenezer.	John Van der Meulen.	50	.....	2	1	1	101	7	7	.....	55	1	60	55 14	802 63	Holland, Ottawa Co., "	
Fynauat.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	E. Saugatuck, Allegan Co., "
Graafschap.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Graafschap, "
Holland, 1st.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Holland, "
Holland, 3d.	Dirk Broek.	105	15	5	5	4	206	11	6	.....	114	1	134	2,365 10	1,481 45	Forest Grove, Ottawa Co., Mich	
Janestown.	Vacant.	66	8	6	3	1	103	8	11	.....	300	100	1	310	1,576 10	1,741 50	New Holland, "
North Holland.	Vacant.	130	21	4	4	4	165	28	8	.....	180	110	1	130	422 53	883 01	Overysse, Allegan Co., "
Overysse.	Gerrit J. Nykerk and Peter Lepeltak.	166	30	2	7	3	398	50	1	.....	300	2	350	60	1,237 50	1,784	Overysse, Allegan Co., "
Rotterdam.	John Hoekje.	30	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	15	1	20	201 80	275 63	Cawker City, Mitchell Co., Kan	
Saugatuck.	Vacant.	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Saugatuck, Allegan Co., Mich
South Blendon.	Vacant.	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	90	1	56	9	108 37	.....	Hudsonville, Ottawa Co., "
Three Oaks.	Vacant.	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Three Oaks, Berrien Co., "
Vriesland.	George Nieneyer (s. c.)	63	19	5	3	1	94	8	1	.....	187	80	1	110	715 57	769 78	Vriesland, Ottawa Co., "
Zabriskie.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hamilton, Allegan Co., "
Zeeland.	John Kremer.	177	14	18	11	10	300	26	.....	.....	455	250	1	325	2,134 57	1,436	Zeeland, Allegan Co., "
Total	Total	955	131	56	42	32	1635	181	2	1212	1304	15	1896	\$9,969 98	\$11,888 96			

Other Ministers.—Rev. Ph. Phelps, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. M. Kiekintveld, Holland City, Mich., disabled through ill health.
 Candidate.—Abel H. Huizinga, Baltimore, Md.
 *Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	On Confession	On Certificate.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
First, Claverack.....	Wm. J. Leggett.....	115	7	6	4	4	1	*230	5	3	70	100	3	240	\$435 41	\$1,902	Claverack, N. Y.	
Second, Claverack.....	A. J. Sebring.....	150	4	4	8	4	4	181	3	2	35	.....	2	300	440 05	1,973 30	Mellenville, "
Gallatin.....	Wm. N. Todd.....	77	10	2	2	2	6	165	7	3	25	.....	1	73	71 79	858 90	Mt. Ross, "
German town.....	H. P. Blair.....	108	2	2	4	4	9	160	4	2	86	109	3	126	145 38	1,855 72	German town, "	
Greensport.....	Wm. D. Perry.....	117	3	9	9	6	212	6	6	2	86	94	3	271	127 66	1,544 73	Hudson, "	
Hudson.....	Wm. Smith.....	226	3	9	4	4	6	480	7	1	.....	.....	1	325	1,259 78	5,019 39	"
Limithgow.....	T. S. Dunsinherre (s. c.).....	75	2	1	1	4	115	4	10	1	.....	.....	1	90	288 19	846 79	Livingston, "
Livingston at Limithgow.....	Geo. Le Fevre.....	56	11	1	1	1	40	3	3	6	.....	10	1	71	43 08	638 38	Limithgo, "
Upper Red Hook.....	E. C. Scudder.....	92	7	2	2	2	*140	13	2	2	.....	.....	1	138	544 67	1,689 04	Upper Red Hook, "
West Copake.....	Jas. C. Garretson.....	84	1	1	1	1	*105	6	6	.....	93	.....	1	149	32 05	1,304 69	West Copake, "
Total.....	Total.....	1100	47	30	35	.....	35	1828	63	19	274	313	15	1085	\$3,448 06	\$17,592 84	

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families,										COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.							
Fair View	Vacant	113	4	2	8	176	5	1	3	190	\$212 76	\$1,042 45	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill.										
First Pekin*	Vacant	45	1			53			1	75		125	Pekin,										
Spring Lake	F. A. Force	17				27			25	30	7	260	Manito, Mason Co., "										
Marion	C. Van Oostenbrugge	46	2	1	1	114	4			100	94 69	81	Raritan, Henderson Co., "										
Bushnell	J. H. Owens, P. E.	45	1	3	1	52				130	52	844 08	Bushnell										
First Pella*	Vacant	190				291				688	150	350	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.										
Havana	Vacant	22				23				80		37	Havana,										
Second Pella	Gerrit Huyser	59	2	3		88				285	267 41	900	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.										
Third Pella	Francis Rederus	109	9	2	5	106	37	1		130	1	7 50	Pella, "										
Otley	Evert Westing	60				41				80			Otley, "										
Bethel*	Vacant	33				30				100			Pella,										
Norris	Sam'l A. Bunstead, S. S.	9				11					5		Norris, Fulton Co., Ill.										
Norwood Park	John S. Jorahnon (s. c.)	50		4	1	63				1	60	750	Norwood Park, Cook Co., "										
Irving Park	Wm. H. Phrauer	85	12	8	2	70	5			1	200	102 21	Irving Park,										
Second Pekin	J. E. Terborg	36	12			74	14			81	20	149	Pekin,										
Manito*	F. A. Force	20				15				1	100	555 45	Manito, Mason Co., "										
Total		929	42	19	21	1	11	1136	65	2	887	\$837 14	\$8,115 18										

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, Ill.; Rev. Wm. Wormser, Missionary, Pella, Iowa.

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CLASSIS OF IOWA.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.		Total now in Com- munion.		Total of Baptized.		Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
		Rec'd.	On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Infants.	Adults.								
Orange City.....	Ale Buursma.....	216	15	15	28	62	800	860	1	260	\$750	\$2,580	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa		
Alton.....	John W. Warnshuis.....	130	10	24	30	206	329	329	1	128	718	1,388	Alton, "		
West Branch.....	James DePre.....	87	8	3	...	128	322	308	141	1	594	3,385	Sioux Center, "		
North Orange.....	Lawrence Dykstra (s.c.).....	54	15	2	...	86	210	210	100	1	96	1,100	Orange City, "		
Washington.....	Paul F. Schmelke.....	50	2	4	...	48	70	30	2	120	40	850	Ackley, Hardin Co., "		
Parkersburg.....	G. Veepken.....	35	9	...	...	15	14	21	1	35	...	670	Parkersburg, "
Sioux Falls.....	E. P. Livingston.....	30	9	4	1	32	12	12	1	87	...	713	Sioux Falls, Dakota		
Lennox.....	K. B. Weiland.....	31	5	3	...	1	50	12	1	50	48	160	Lennox, Lincoln Co., "		
Harrison.....	Abraham Stegeman.....	85	2	21	3	18	45	40	1	65	15	35	Harrison, Douglas Co., "		
Turner.....	H. W. Warnshuis.....	13	...	...	...	20	1	15	1	45	6	200	Turner, Turner Co., "
Centerville.....	II. W. Warnshuis.....	20	25	2	1	41	5	13	1	71	10	200	Centerville, "		
Marion Junction.....	S. J. Harnelung.....	20	2	1	1	23	15	20	1	20	2	35	Marion, "		
Charles Mix.....	Vacant.....	25	...	...	...	30	1	30	1	30	...	...	Castalia, Charles Mix Co., "
Salem.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Salem, "
Belmont.....	R. Jansen.....	21	7	1	2	54	...	7	1	38	...	200	Belmont, Wright Co., Iowa.		
Maurice.....	Vacant.....	49	30	...	1	4	50	35	1	50	...	1,051	Maurice, Sioux Co., "		
Total.....	Total.....	829	89	142	76	3	16	1207	208	7	1794	\$2,279	76	\$12,470	02

Other Ministers.—Revs. S. Bolks; A. J. Betten, Sr.; J. A. De Spelder, A. M., Prin. N. W. C. Academy, all of Orange City, Iowa.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.--P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.					B. A. P.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total numm.				Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomington	James M. Compton	*102	29	2	2	2	3	118	17	12	1	\$38 11	\$521 40	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	William H. Vroom	140	36	2	6	2	3	235	10	30	2	143 91	1,662 97	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls	Richard P. Miliken	*30	3	1	3	3	3	*125	5	10	1	36 71	957 37	Rifton Glen, "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	*80	3	4	3	4	4	*85	2	83	1	65 26	1,215	Gardiner, "
Hurley	DeWitt B. Wyckoff	75	7	5	2	3	3	135	1	50	1	180 59	975 41	Hurley, "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	*155	12	9	1	1	4	*235	4	70	1	569 66	3,535 76	Kingston, "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	40	2	1	2	3	3	95	6	36	1	12	300	Sansomville, "
Lyonsville	Vacant	50	1	1	1	1	2	90	1	70	1	3 25	65	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown	Bastian Smits	95	5	6	2	2	2	*150	4	70	1	90 75	1,535 69	"
Marbletown, North Ch.	Bastian Smits	60	5	5	3	3	3	*112	7	40	1	34 11	587 93	"
New Paltz	Ane Vonnema	*250	11	9	8	8	14	357	7	187	6	607 83	1,874 60	New Paltz, "
Rochester	John B. Church	135	14	6	5	4	4	196	4	25	4	81 02	1,390 36	Accord, "
Rosendale	Matthew N. Oliver	83	12	6	1	1	1	85	12	18	1	15 55	1,040 98	Rosendale, "
St. Remy	James M. Compton	37	1	1	1	1	1	74	3	10	1	8 10	835 43	Whiteport, "
Total		1352	105	43	35	50	272	82	35	801	533	\$1,887 45	\$16,497 93	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James R. Leate, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Libenau, Emeritus, Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. Ferguson Harris (S. C.), Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.

*Revised List.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.			Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Jamaica.....	William H. De Hart.....	168	5	6	8	...	9	288	18	1	...	75	229	\$732 25	\$5,298 92	Jamaica, N.Y.		
Newtown.....	Charles L. Shepard.....	97	4	3	5	...	9	193	8	...	...	...	340	572 82	2,336 22	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay.....	J. H. Snook.....	100	4	1	1	...	6	117	8	2	...	...	100	184 31	1,425 48	Glen Head, "
North Hempstead.....	Abram I. Mortine.....	76	12	...	...	...	3	103	5	4	...	...	175	390 50	1,625 73	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh.....	Edward T. Terhune.....	160	10	22	3	...	3	265	5	3	...	...	1	375	...	166 Bedford Av., B'klyn. E.D. N.Y.
Astoria.....	Vacant.....	100	11	12	12	...	5	244	16	5	...	100	295	816 95	2,917 49	Astoria, L. I., N.Y.		
Flushing.....	O. E. Cobb.....	97	5	6	8	...	5	338	15	4	...	90	170	458 37	3,900	Flushing, N.Y.		
Greenpoint.....	Lewis Francis.....	215	10	4	15	...	8	415	17	1	...	...	978	1,123 30	6,441 03	113 Noble St., Brooklyn, E.D.
South Bushwick.....	George D. Hulst.....	175	11	14	5	...	6	308	22	5	...	...	730	115 78	4,130 53	15 Hunrod St., " N.Y.
Second Astoria.....	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.....	95	13	2	...	...	2	296	53	...	...	35	185	51 50	925	Astoria, N.Y.
East Williamsburgh.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	5	...	...	...	130	121 36	212 58	...
Queens.....	Andrew Hageman.....	108	10	...	8	...	2	147	14	5	...	100	163	556 19	2,132 47	Queens, E.D. N.Y.		
German Ev., Brooklyn.....	John M. Wagner.....	290	29	1	3	...	14	483	72	1	...	380	1000	327	2,242 80	315 Graham Av., B'klyn. E.D. N.Y.		
Sayville.....	G. Van Emertick.....	41	...	...	...	...	1	71	4	1	...	93	...	26 33	398 49	Sayville, " N.Y.
Locust Valley.....	J. H. Snook.....	50	1	...	4	...	1	58	1	98	70 17	693	Glen Head, " N.Y.	
College Point.....	Herman C. Berg.....	77	13	...	7	...	1	138	11	2	...	150	...	139	70 17	2,169	College Point, " N.Y.	
First Ref., L. I. City.....	Alexander Shaw.....	33	26	15	1	125	...	600	Long Island City, " N.Y.	
Bushwick.....	Robert H. Barr.....	300	31	5	10	...	3	465	20	5	1	929	251 56	5,739 12	238 Leonard St., B'klyn. E.D. N.Y.	
German Ev., Jamaica.....	Henry Frech.....	52	4	3	159	23	1	100	90 11	1,266 17	Jamaica, N.Y.	
Jericho.....	E. Gutweller, S. S.....	20	1	30	
Hicksville.....	E. Gutweller.....	26	3	25	1	100	...	364	Hicksville, " N.Y.	
Total.....	Total.....	2280	179	76	89	...	69	3913	316	38	412	871	27	6811	\$7,020 05	\$4,818 03		

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E.D., N. Y.; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Alliger, New York City; Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.), New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John Wausch, Newark, N. J.; Rev. E. S. Porter, Clavetack, N. Y.; Rev. Alexander S. Van Dyck, Missionary to China.

Candidate.—Herman H. Shook, Brooklyn, N. Y.

† Pastor Elect.

* Revised List.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1885.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPT.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.		Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized	Number of Cate- chumens.		No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.
Brooklyn.	David N. Vandever	179	13	16	...	10	340	3	2	...	125	2	762	\$3,901	\$9,109	45 Livingston St., B'lyn, N.Y.
Flatbush.	C. L. Wells	116	21	7	2	4	254	1	4	228	290	1	384	5,225	4,000	Flatbush, Kings Co.,
" Mission.	M. G. Hansen, S. S.	61	3	...	...	2	27	6	...	...	...	...	113	26	77	219 Dean St., Brooklyn,
New Utrecht.	Alfred H. Brush	100	9	3	5	3	250	3	...	...	75	3	352	905	42	New Utrecht, Kings Co.,
Gravesend.	A. P. Stockwell	129	3	3	...	5	250	11	...	125	130	2	215	970	40	1714 40 Gravesend,
Flatlands.	John S. Gardner	*86	5	6	1	4	*175	11	...	145	180	2	347	670	19	Flatlands,
New Lots.	Nicholas Pearse	70	4	1	2	1	176	17	...	...	45	1	229	1,154	13	East New York,
East New York.	Daniel Van Pelt	81	2	5	...	4	126	6	...	65	200	1	325	518	10	"
South Brooklyn.	Alfred D. W. Mason	75	17	19	2	4	104	16	1	60	75	1	315	226	61	39 1059 3d Ave., Brooklyn,
Middle	Wm. H. Ford	140	16	5	14	4	290	7	7	...	703	2	1,265	499	60	309 President St.,
12th St.	U. D. Guilek	220	23	19	26	5	311	25	4	321	703	2	1,501	1,083	23	257 12th St.,
North	Vacant	46	4	1	16	2	141	6	2	...	114	1	201	35	2,050	"
Ch. on Heights, B'klyn.	Alfred J. Hutton	101	11	5	11	5	400	5	...	...	45	2	544	9,317	65	165 Hicks St.,
New Brooklyn.	Jacob Weber	120	40	...	...	5	369	79	6	630	35	1	300	159	159	772 Herkimer St.,
Bedford	Walter T. Griffin	204	32	39	5	4	335	14	5	...	300	1	308	325	43	8628 72 674 Bedford Ave.,
Second Flatbush.	C. H. Schwarzbach	60	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	8	1	63	20	23	Flatbush, Kings Co.,
Cunarsie	Conrad Dickhaut	38	5	...	...	...	66	7	...	...	10	1	80	25	25	East New York, Kings Co.,
St. Thomas, West Indies.	Auson du Bois	40	9	...	...	5	123	9	...	...	30	1	75	32	1,908	84 St. Thomas, West Indies.
Total		1868	228	119	106	68	1159	247	32	1696	2775	25	6430	\$25,235	\$71,881	25

Other Ministers. — Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob West, Sec'y of Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey St., N. Y.; Rev. Daniel Kapelle, Missionary at Amoy, China; Rev. John M. Ferris, Editor *Christian Intelligence*, 6 New Church St., N. Y.; Rev. David Sutphen, Bloomfield, New Jersey; Rev. R. G. Strong (s.c.), Principal Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, N. Y.; Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, Chaplain of Roosevelt Hospital, N. Y., 180 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn, L. I.; Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, S. S., Bethany Chapel, 101 Wilmoughly St., Brooklyn, L. I.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Centreville.....	Alonzo P. Pecke.....	28	...	4	2	...	174	1	1	57	...	1	144	\$108 22	\$1,980 12	Centreville, Michigan.	
Constantine.....	Vacant.....	75	1	1	4	...	148	...	1	30	...	3	280	176 44	1,114 96	Constantine, "	
De Spelder.....	E. W. Borden.....	30	2	1	1	...	21	...	1	41	...	1	40	21 17	200	Batch, Lenawee Co., "	
Grand Rapids.....	Peter Boerdyke.....	105	14	11	14	1	252	13	...	220	110	1	290	689 93	2,214 45	Grand Rapids, "	
Hope, 3d Holland.....	Thos. Walker Jones.....	100	7	8	1	...	105	5	...	90	...	1	250	356 74	2,007 75	Holland, "	
Macon.....	Chas. S. Dutton.....	41	1	4	2	1	55	...	1	...	...	1	100	20 14	337 58	Tecumseh, "
Porter.....	Vacant*.....	...	4	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	Newberg, "
South Bend.....	N. Dubois Williamson.....	43	5	3	1	1	66	4	2	22	5	2	416	116 60	1,821 95	South Bend, Indiana.	
South Macon.....	Chas. S. Dutton.....	33	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	38	...	1	50	19 06	329 04	Tecumseh, Michigan
Total.....	Total.....	509	34	31	25	7	866	24	4	501	135	11	1570	\$1,538 30	\$9,415 85		

Other Ministers.—Rev. Charles Scott, Pres. Hope College, Holland, Mich.; Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, Prof. in Hope College, Holland, Mich.; Rev. J. H. Ker-
 show, Unadilla, Mich.
 * Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Freehold.....	Theo. W. Wells, (s. c.)...	90	13	1	3	...	3	218	14	6	80	80	2	195	\$252 75	\$1,531 47	Marlboro, Monm'th Co., N. J.
Holmdel.....	William Reiley.....	90	3	1	5	...	2	180	2	1	88	1	1	60	348 98	2,475	Holmdel, "
Spotswood.....	Cyril Spaulding.....	35	4	1	4	...	2	65	1	1	330	10	3	75	26 17	950	Spotswood, Midd'l'x Co., "
Middletown.....	Charles D. Buck.....	42	6	...	...	...	...	90	2	2	25	50	1	80	117 46	907	Middletown, Monm'th Co., "
Second, Freehold.....	Isaac P. Brokaw.....	97	17	5	1	...	3	237	1	11	83	70	1	140	576 29	2,568 97	Freehold, "
Keyport.....	Elias Mend.....	53	...	...	1	...	...	86	2	...	41	7	1	100	100	739 21	Keyport, "
First, Long Branch.....	Charles J. Young.....	136	1	4	4	...	3	261	9	...	105	30	2	245	283 61	2,316	Long Branch, "
Colts Neck.....	George W. Labaw.....	110	5	3	2	...	5	186	3	...	109	50	1	110	161 38	1,309 03	Colts Neck, "
Highlands.....	Vacant.....	40	...	1	...	...	...	33	1	...	18	...	...	100	...	19	Highlands, "
Asbury Park.....	William H. Ballagh.....	50	2	8	7	...	...	57	4	...	28	15	1	98	30 09	*485 64	Asbury Park, "
	Total.....	723	47	24	30	...	18	1413	42	22	607	312	15	1293	\$1,886 03	\$13,352 27	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Garret C. Schauck, Emeritus, Bradevelt, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Ransford Wells, Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y.; Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Ph. D., Sup't. of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.

*Exclusive of Pastor's support. †Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
Auriesville	J. Campbell Boyd, S.S.	43	65	21				1	40	1	1	1	1	90	\$58 25	\$406	Auriesville,	N. Y.
Canajoharie	F. Stoddard Haines	180						32	247	5			2	239	319 21	1,922 22	Canajoharie,	"
Columbia	Vacant	105			2				73						8 77		Columbia,	"
Cranesville	Vacant	24	11						29		6	12	1	20	25	380	Cranesville,	"
Currytown	Vacant	37			1				56	1			1	50	55 54	1,183 78	Rural Grove,	"
Ephratah	Vacant	85							135								Ephratah,	"
Florida	Richard A. Pearse	72	4						120	5				100	134	1,230	Minaville,	"
Fonda	John A. DeBaut	241	8	9	10	4			422	6			5	340	558 10	2,213	Fonda,	"
Fort Plain	James Denarest, Jr.	144	5	10	3			1	199	2		70	1	140	319 66	2,650 78	Fort Plain,	"
Fort Herkimer	Vacant																	"
Fortonville	F. V. Van Vranken	115	6	5	4	1			129	8	1	85		118	273 49	2,992 69	Fortonville,	"
Glen	Sidney O. Lawman	83	5	3	2				94	2	4		2	150	223 66	1,094 77	Glen,	"
Hagaman's Mills.	A. J. Hagaman, (s. c.)	100	15		2				157	6	7	75	3	230	275 72	981 70	Hagaman's Mills,	"
Henderson†	Daniel Lord	26							23				1	25			Jordanville,	"
Herkimer	Henry M. Cox	*115	7	1	1	4		11	*167	11	1	124	129	152	231 17	1,588 33	Herkimer,	"
Manheim†	Vacant	40							65				1	40			East Creek,	"
Mapletown†	Vacant	50							62				1	25			Canajoharie,	"
Mohawk	James Edmonson	480		3	3					62							Mohawk,	"
Port Jackson	J. R. Kyle	102	3		5				190	5			1	110	57	1,337	Port Jackson,	"
St. Johnsville	Albert Dod Minor†	4125	5	4	1				161	3	1			142	186 98	7,635 86	St. Johnsville,	"
Stone Arabia	Rufus M. Stanbrough	47							72	3			1	152	89 75	2,826 44	Stone Arabia,	"
Spraker's Basin	Vacant	36	2		1				31		1		1	45	35	300	Spraker's Basin,	"
Total		1823	138	53	36	5	55	2560	54	58	249	391	27	2183	\$2,871 71	\$20,160-14		"

Other Ministers.—Joseph Kuieskern, Cortland Co., N. Y.; Richard R. Williams, New York city. . . * Revised list. . . † Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Rec'd.		On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
		On Certificate.	On Confession														
Belleville.....	Ralph W. Brokaw.....	130	13	7	2	12	5	166	6	5	122	180	1	200	\$442 08	\$2,770 49	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First, Newark.....	William H. Gleason.....	190	21	25	12	15	1	408	12	3	200	200	2	500	1,108 15	7,424 79	Newark, " "
Irvington.....	Henry Velslage, (s. c.).....	85	1	2	13	4	165	7	3	50	1	156	1	175	21 10	1,325	Irvington, " "
Second, Newark.....	John A. Davis.....	100	13	7	13	4	92	2	8	207	1	365	1	365	572 43	2,840 44	Newark, " "
Franklin.....	Supplied.....	750	8	8	12	1	7	488	8	4	30	146	1	150	9,991	9,054	" "
North, Newark.....	David Waters.....	248	26	8	12	1	3	250	70	8	30	27	1	280	1,824 65	7,941 48	" "
West, Newark.....	Carl Girtanner.....	84	28	1	2	1	1	371	8	3	60	130	1	325	75 59	800	" "
Clinton ave., Newark.....	William J. R. Taylor.....	183	19	11	20	1	1	360	10	2	2	45	1	199	150	1,930	" "
East, Newark.....	D. Charles Preyer.....	39	8	3	1	1	1	71	5	1	92	1	199	150	975	975	Brookdale, " "
Linden.....	Supplied.....	35	5	1	1	1	1	92	1	3	2	45	1	90	56 05	975	" "
Christ, Woodside.....	Supplied.....	47	2	4	11	1	1	112	1	3	9	230	1	328	1,846 82	\$4,086 46	East Orange, " "
Stone House Plains.....	William G. E. See.....	50	4	4	3	1	3	301	15	9	40	230	1	254	1,783 38	5,908 96	Plainfield, Union Co., " "
Orange.....	George S. Bishop.....	290	29	13	10	3	400	15	9	13	50	1	254	73	35	526	" "
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Andrew V. V. Raymond.....	172	47	21	18	1	301	11	13	65	1	73	35	526			" "
German, Plainfield.....	Supplied.....	27	6	1	3	1	61	10	10	10	1	65	1	73	35	526	" "
Total.....	Total.....	1630	225	112	122	1	35	3193	165	52	212	1310	18	4652	\$17,993 25	\$48,804 64	

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J.; Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden N. J.; John Simonsen, Plainfield, N. J.; Frederick Koechli, Plainfield, N. J.

Quadrants.—Livingston L. Taylor.

*Revised List. †Last year's report. §Exclusive of pastor's support.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPT.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First, New Brunswick.	Thomas C. Easton	373	46	19	28	...	16	700	23	9	337	167	1	526	\$3,310 95	\$4,521 97	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Vacant	155	4	7	5	...	6	344	9	2	150	50	5	300	1,056	2,213 56	Franklin Park,
Hillsborough	Edw. T. Corwin, (s. c.)	160	8	8	7	...	5	299	11	...	200	100	7	450	1,200	1,200	Millstone,
Middlebush.	James Lefevre	80	7	10	3	...	2	168	3	3	200	100	1	130	552 29	1,645 80	Middlebush,
Griggstown.	John G. Gebhard.	47	9	4	5	...	3	135	2	1	36	40	2	70	268 47	813 50	Griggstown,
Second, New Brunswick.	Mancelius H. Hutton	*169	19	13	+12	2	6	424	10	3	181	208	2	298	2,703 02	4,730 83	New Brunswick,
Bound Brook.	Augustus F. Todd	*45	2	3	2	...	3	*94	2	...	25	125	1	150	83 33	744	Bound Brook,
Third New Brunswick.	Carl Meyer, S. S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	New Brunswick,
East Millstone.	Alex. McWilliam	70	1	6	3	...	...	150	3	...	30	45	1	75	224 50	1,258	East Millstone,
Metuchen.	Jas. Cruikshanks	70	...	...	3	...	...	142	...	...	...	...	2	200	158 14	1,214 46	Metuchen.
Suydam St., N. B. Wick.	Wm. H. Campbell	22	5	14	...	...	...	36	3	2	...	...	1	45	43 60	217	New Brunswick,
Total.		1191	104	84	68	2	41	2552	66	18	1159	835	23	1994	\$8,850 30	\$18,559 12	

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, T. S. Doolittle, Profs. in Rutgers College; Ralph Willis, Rector of Hertzog Hall; P. J. Quick, Lib. of Sage Library; John L. See; address of all, New Brunswick, N. J.; John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J.; Eugene S. Booth and Kumage Kimura, Japan; Jacob C. Dutcher, Port Hope, Ontario; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; David F. Williams, New Brunswick, N. J.; Edward Lord.

Candidates.—DeWitt T. Reiley and Alex. G. Van Alen, both of New Brunswick, N. J.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

*Revised list. †Eight dismissed to assist in forming Suydam Street Church.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.	On Confession		Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.		Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
			Rec'd.	Dismissed.													Suspended.	Died.
Berea.....	Adrian Westveer.....	70	4	5	1	127	.....	1	.....	15	.....	75	\$143 05	\$850	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomington.....	James B. Wilson.....	58	3	3	2	118	7	2	.....	25	1	93	54 02	1,075	Bloomington, N. Y.		
Callicoon.....	H. Miller, S. S.	65	30	.....	15	187	31	.....	.....	45	1	145	5	299 11	Callicoon, N. Y.
Clarville.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Clarville, N. Y.
Cuddebackville.....	Herman Hageman.....	58	18	1	9	99	5	12	.....	50	2	125	59 70	684	Cuddebackville, N. Y.		
Deerpark.....	Goyu Talmage.....	173	10	1	1	288	7	1	.....	150	2	397	769 17	2,959 49	Port Jervis, N. Y.		
Ellenville.....	John Hutchins.....	101	8	7	7	202	1	3	.....	.....	1	.....	369 20	4,376 29	Ellenville, N. Y.
Fallsburgh.....	Walter S. Brown.....	103	8	3	1	130	1	2	72	.....	.....	50	139 30	685	Woodbourne, N. Y.	
Grahamsville.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	Grahamsville, N. Y.
Kerhonkson.....	Vacant.....	50	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	Kerhonkson, N. Y.
Manakating.....	Vacant.....	40	.....	5	5	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	12	804	Wurtsboro, N. J.
Minisink.....	Vacant.....	70	1	5	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	3 90	85 02	Montague, N. Y.
Montgomery.....	Ferdinand S. Schenck.....	185	7	5	6	414	7	1	.....	100	4	200	1,080 84	2,111 93	Montgomery, N. Y.		
Newburgh.....	Henry V. S. Myers.....	186	3	10	10	409	7	1	137	164	.....	192	620 15	4,579 51	Newburgh, N. Y.		
New Hurley.....	Vacant.....	109	.....	.....	151	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	.....	.....	New Hurley, N. Y.
New Prospect.....	Vacant.....	80	7	1	4	10	136	10	4	.....	2	96	130	.....	Pine Bush, N. Y.	
Shawangunk.....	Peter K. Hageman.....	80	10	6	4	200	12	1	.....	.....	4	175	103 14	1,441 50	Brunyswick, N. Y.	
Unionville.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grahamsville, N. Y.
Walden.....	M. V. Schoonmaker.....	80	4	5	4	190	6	6	.....	.....	1	200	400	1,800	Walden, N. Y.	
Walkill Valley.....	Richard DeWitt (s. c.)	70	1	16	3	120	3	3	30	25	1	120	69 71	1,248 39	Walkill, N. Y.		
Walpack (Upper).....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dugman's Bridge, Pa.
Walpack (Lower).....	H. L. Rex.....	65	2	3	1	130	5	.....	.....	60	2	100	45	700	Bushkill, N. Y.	
Wawarsing.....	George D. Lydecker.....	61	.....	.....	4	78	4	4	.....	.....	1	150	71 32	1,327 22	Napanoch, N. Y.
Total.....	Total.....	1721	104	67	74	2,783	106	27	248	634	25	2,063	\$4,085 50	\$21,953 92			

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. E. W. Bentley, Canton Center, Hartford Co., Conn.; Rev. G. S. Garretson, Dugman's Bridge, Pa.; John T. Demarest, Emeritus, Mount Moor, N. Y.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.		On Confession	Dis- missed.		Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.		Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
		Rec'd.	On Certificate.												
Acquanoneck	John Gaston	160	11	5	6	333	10	3	265	150	1	315	\$1,654 55	\$8,387 13	N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	Nath'l H. Van Arsdale	100	10	1	4	177	8	2	150	150	1	180	301 26	6,217 29	Paterson,
Cenerville	John L. Stillwell	21	3	1	1	44	1	1	180	1	1	196	182 05	1,378 14	Athens,
Clarkstown	David M. Talmage	80	3	8	2	104	7	2	50	1	1	85	271 50	2,059	Mount Moor,
1st Holland, Paterson	James Huysssoon	96	2	6	2	162	21	218	49	1	1	95	128 65	820 57	Paterson,
Holland, Lodi	Louis G. Jongeneel	40	1	1	1	54	15	11	120	1	1	46	18 50	380	Lodi.
Holland, Passaic	Vacant	103	1	4	1	141	11	11	99	1	1	125	86 37	923 51	Passaic.
Holland, Wortendyke	John Smit	101	8	9	1	250	23	6	269	90	2	519	67 70	1,086 36	Wortendyke.
North, Passaic	Asher Anderson	106	14	3	1	210	2	6	77	256	1	400	529 26	3,387 71	Passaic.
Nyack	William H. Clark. (s.c.)	161	14	12	9	345	4	5	163	276	1	312	1,623 72	3,841 19	Nyack.
Paramus	John C. Van Deventer	105	5	4	7	199	16	1	143	90	1	111	328 20	1,987 77	Ridgewood.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	86	5	4	1	99	2	4	110	150	1	130	100 30	1,738 30	Park Ridge.
Piermont	William C. Smit	50	6	6	6	94	4	5	44	65	1	80	268 60	1,940 58	Piermont.
Ramapo	William W. Letson	56	3	2	74	74	7	1	60	60	1	70	30	400	Mahwah.
Ramseys	William W. Letson	18	1	1	35	35	7	1	36	50	1	45	6	186 54	Ramseys.
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	57	2	1	1	476	5	1	36	50	1	153	131	1,217 81	Ridgewood.
Saddle River	Vacant	54	7	2	3	92	2	1	93	93	1	65	5 31	859 22	Monsey.
Second, Lodi	William Manchee	32	2	1	1	69	5	1	93	93	1	107	84	925	Lodi.
Second, Totowa	John H. Duryee	150	16	4	7	287	9	5	158	170	1	371	526 10	5,390 14	Paterson.
Spring Valley	Peter H. Milliken	90	8	1	3	120	2	4	56	167	1	183	173 87	1,578 64	Spring Valley.
Tappan	Cornelius E. Crispell	100	2	1	3	180	5	1	100	60	3	300	141 86	1,547 86	Tappan.
Warwick	Vernon B. Carroll	105	6	1	2	141	3	1	60	75	1	120	826 74	2,026 84	Warwick.
West New Hempstead	Vacant	37	1	1	67	67	3	1	20	20	1	61	65 53	628 30	Monsey.
Total	Total	1910	144	99	4	3384	162	36	2146	2171	26	3989	\$7,551 07	\$48,908 56	

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Other Minister.—Robert M. Offord.

†Pastor Emeritus.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Rec'd.		On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Total of Baptized.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
			On Certificate.	On Confession						Adults.	Infants.								
Boonton.....	Albert A. King.....	70	2	5	.....	.....	.....	110	1	1	.....	50	70	1	109	\$119 30	\$1,178 76	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Fairfield.....	Vacant.....	75	4	1	5	6	174	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	100	1	.....	101 21	1,077 51	Fairfield, Essex "
Franklin Furnace.....	Vacant.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	26 15	921	Franklin Furnace, Sussex Co
Little Falls.....	Philip Furbeck.....	65	19	3	1	3	145	140	4	3	.....	60	135	1	150	62	1,162 77	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J.
Montville.....	J. O. Van Fleet.....	80	1	3	2	.....	140	140	2	.....	.....	60	114	1	114	125 52	2,456 45	Boonton, Morris "
6th Paterson, (Holland).....	J. A. DeBruyn, P. E.....	304	.....	.....	1	.....	390	390	32	240	1	470	56 02	2,620	1,733 59	Paterson, Passaic "		
Pompton Plains.....	H. W. Teller.....	125	3	1	5	205	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	540	323	5	325	411 52	1,733 59	Paterson, Morris "
Pompton.....	T. J. Kornumers.....	80	*15	3	10	*155	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	232 51	1,043 71	Pompton Plains, Mor "
Ponds.....	Wm. E. Bogardus.....	55	9	.....	3	.....	171	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140	54 25	894 59	Oakland, Bergen "
Prentness.....	J. R. Verbruycke.....	48	23	1	1	.....	125	125	4	70	.....	70	110	3	110	158	564	Paterson, Passaic "
1st Totowa, (Paterson).....	J. Lemoyne Danner.....	108	8	4	6	.....	250	250	6	22	.....	.....	400	335	335	262 83	2,617 49	Paterson, Passaic "
Union Reformed.....	H. E. Nies.....	178	16	8	9	5	290	.....	.....	.....	.....	580	100	1	350	272 25	1,973 64	" " " "
Wyckoff.....	Samuel T. Searle, (S. C.).....	90	1	2	3	.....	116	116	7	.....	.....	100	30	1	75	66	936 50	Wyckoff, Bergen "
Total.....	Total.....	1208	96	31	41	3	23293	98	20	1400	940	29	2963	\$2,007 56	\$19,396 01				

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, County Superintendent of Schools, Little Falls, N. J.; Jas. Demarest, Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis.; J. N. Jansen, 12 John Street, Newark, N. J.; A. G. Ryerson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J.; Jas. E. Bernart, Chester, Orange Co., N. Y.; I. S. DeMund, Emeritus, Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.

* Revised List.

*9 at Boardville, Revised List; *21 at Boardville; *2 at Boardville.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	Rec'd.				Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.									Died.	Total now in Communion.
N. and S. Hampton	Samuel Streng	135	7	14	12	2	5	229	155	150	6	450	\$473 50	\$1,700	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa
Harlingen	F. M. Kip	143	8	14	10	2	5	290	1	150	6	200	217 32	1,807 01	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart	160	12	23	7	2	5	313	15	75	2	296	393 15	2,426 47	Neshanic, N. J.
First, Philadelphia	Wm. R. Taylor	90	12	3	14	1	7	178	3	1	1	262	850	3,075 52	1224 Spring Garden St., Phila
Second, Philadelphia	N. I. Rubinkam	250	48	2	9	1	10	425	10	2	2	650	2,164	7,500	517 Brown St., " "
Fourth, Philadelphia	Cornelius Schenck	130	63	5	7	5	3	293	16	50	1	422	352 18	6,588 73	" "
Blawenburg	W. B. Voorhees, (s. c.)	95	8	5	5	5	3	250	3	25	1	160	380	1,250	Manayunk, N. J.
Stanton	C. W. Pitcher	90	1	4	1	1	1	161	1	50	1	100	94 86	790	Blawenburg, " "
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogart	72	2	6	3	3	1	185	1	65	1	65	72 77	1,000	Stanton, " "
Third, Philadelphia	J. E. Crane	66	3	3	1	1	5	149	3	65	1	75	148 62	706 83	Rocky Hill, " "
Rocky Hill	Edward Birdsall	75	1	1	1	1	5	124	7	3	3	106	82 79	1,279 30	Rocky Hill, Bucks Co., Pa
Addisville	C. F. C. Suekow	161	28	1	1	6	6	223	23	43	1	377	207 35	1,615 72	2223 Otis St., Phila.
Fifth, Philadelphia	Vacant	69	5	6	1	1	1	98	5	1	1	116	82 75	605 94	Three Bridges, N. J.
Three Bridges															
Total		1536	202	77	79	3	56	2918	81	47	255	3249	\$5,530 29	\$30,315 42	

Other Ministers.—A. R. Van Nest, "The Rutland," Broadway and 57th St., N. Y.; J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China; G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna St., Philadelphia, Pa.; A. Stoll, Bapore, India.

* Revised List.

† And two Union.

§ One Union.

CLASSIS OF Poughkeepsie.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.	On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First, Poughkeepsie.	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.).	190	20	8	10	5	13	431	4	5	...	1	338	\$2,614 27	\$2,684 58	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	
Second, Poughkeepsie.	J. Elmendorf.	135	24	8	5	3	3	264	9	6	...	1	175	2,014 67	4,646 24	"	
Fishkill.	M. B. Thomas.	84	5	1	1	...	3	179	...	...	...	1	100	338 78	1,587 78	Fishkill.
Hopewell.	C. H. Polhemus	150	27	5	...	7	379	12	12	...	...	6	279	369 41	1,334 66	Hopewell Junction.
New Hackensack.	Henry Ward.	100	1	2	...	3	152	...	...	...	...	10	4	621 18	1,402 11	New Hackensack.
Hyde Park.	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	*110	...	...	...	...	*1	*10	...	...	Hyde Park.
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts.	120	16	6	5	2	2	265	1	9	...	1	200	602 47	3,517 56	Fishkill-on-Hudson.	
Rhinebeck	Vacant	100	3	2	1	6	196	...	1	...	...	1	130	277 01	1,257 88	Rhinebeck.
Glenham	W. W. Schomp	35	6	2	2	...	63	...	3	4	...	1	40	53 18	613 92	Glenham.	
Cold Spring.	Isaac W. Gowen	28	3	3	1	3	2	60	...	...	...	1	50	62 62	822 53	Cold Spring.
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall.	77	4	5	1	...	108	...	5	3	...	1	150	299 60	2,115 60	Millbrook.	
Total	Total	1077	108	38	13	38	2107	...	35	41	...	40	22	1762	\$7,063 52	\$19,982 86	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 34 Vesey Street, New York; Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.

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CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.		COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		Co. N. J.				
		On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		CONTRIBUTIONS			
															Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
First, Raritan	J. Preston Searle	296	5	4	18	1	4	478	5	1	155	900	1	275	\$841 18	\$2,427 85	Somerville, Somerset	
Readington	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff	298	6	11	14	1	4	1,276	9	3	155	4	248	4	248	649 44	1,803 71	Readington, Hunt don
Bedminster	John L. McNair	105	3	5	9	...	7	339	4	60	60	2	180	2	180	630 97	1,457 21	Bedminster, Somerset
Lebanon	William E. Davis	210	54	8	2	6	7	272	7	17	75	30	225	5	225	197 01	2,369 75	Lebanon, Hunterdon
Rockaway	Marion T. Conklin	97	8	3	8	3	8	201	4	1	75	5	200	1	88	82 01	888	White House
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	124	3	8	14	6	187	10	1	40	1	54	1	75	305 63	1,071 37	N. Branch, Somerset	
Second, Raritan	Edward G. Read	205	19	26	15	1	16	481	12	4	216	1	332	1	93	961 69	3,669 11	Somerville
Peapack	George W. Scarlett	115	2	5	7	11	167	5	...	...	...	1	100	1	93	23 24	1,448	Peapack
Branchville	Joel Loucks	102	14	15	10	2	302	11	4	...	...	1	150	1	374	24	1,134	South Branch
Third, Raritan	Charles H. Pool	118	6	8	17	3	398	10	2	110	110	236	1	276	980 45	1,678 41	Raritan	
Easton	George M. S. Blauvelt	70	4	...	1	8	135	9	...	...	...	1	70	1	575	...	2,945	Easton, Northampton
Pottersville	William Schmitz, Jr.	69	4	9	3	2	105	1	1	1	1	135	1	114	36 25	1,270 13	Pottersville, Hunt don	
High Bridge	Artemas Dean	75	5	1	2	1	108	1	1	1	1	105	1	135	56 40	950	High Bridge	
Clinton Station	Garret Wyckoff, Jr.	80	18	4	10	2	165	1	9	...	...	105	1	128	118	1,901 40	Annandale	
Fourth, Raritan (Ger.)	F. E. Schleider	38	1	...	...	...	52	6	6	...	...	1	25	1	5	443 11	443 11	Somerville, Somerset
Total		1822	152	112	125	2	553	91	46	656	760	24	2533	...	\$5,926 50	\$25,997 08	...	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; Rev. H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J.; Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; Rev. Robert Van Amburgh, Lebanon, N. J.; Rev. J. F. Meslek (s. c.), Blaueuburgh, N. J.; Rev. B. T. Statesier, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. Gilbert Lane, South Branch, N. J.

+ Revised List.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	-Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Blooming Grove.	Jacob I. Gulick.	55	4	4	1	2	68	3	5	1	82	1	82	\$83 33	\$805 52	Defreestville, N. Y.
Castleton.	Alan D. Campbell.	110	6	6	4	4	193	5	3	1	103	1	103	156 44	2,110 21	Castleton.
Chatham.	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.	115	6	6	3	3	164	5	3	1	216	1	216	533 50	3,000	Chatham.
First, Ghent.	John B. Drury	*80	8	8	2	2	*101	2	1	1	40	35	115	270	2,704	Ghent.
Second, Ghent.	Isaac S. Schenck.	73	6	6	.....	.....	112	.....	.....	2	.....	1	80	48	1,020	Stockport.
Greenbush.	John Steele.	115	3	3	4	4	319	2	2	1	80	25	125	288 91	1,780	East Greenbush.
Kinderhook.	E. A. Collier, (S. C.)	165	5	5	12	12	*284	1	1	2	25	1	146	1,617 88	3,204 81	Kinderhook.
Nassau.	J. Henry Bertholf.	144	5	5	5	5	269	1	2	1	25	1	142	272 23	2,185 79	Nassau.
New Concord.	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.	*30	.....	.....	.....	.....	*40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	*36	.....	.....	New Concord.
Schodack.	William Veenschoten.	80	30	2	1	2	171	11	16	3	125	40	125	90	1,164 68	Multzskill.
Schodack Landing.	H. A. Hendrickson.	92	4	2	3	3	170	11	11	1	90	1	146	265 21	1,466 63	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant.	Elbert Nevius.	60	.....	.....	3	6	69	.....	.....	.....	52	1	81	277	864	Stuyvesant.
Stuyvesant Falls.	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	45	10	400	Stuyvesant Falls.
Total.	Total.	1159	66	28	50	1	33 1995	42	26	497	387	15	1502	\$3,912 50	\$20,705 64	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y., retired; Rev. J. S. N. Demarest, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. C. Fowler, suspended; Rev. W. H. McGiffert, Kingston, N. Y.

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* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.	Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.		No. of S. Schools.	Enrollment Total	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
			On Confession	On Certificate.													
Boght.....	George I. Taylor.....	24	1	.....	1	1	33	.....	.....	.....	1	1	53	.....	\$27	\$513 65	Cohoes.
Buskirk.....	James L. Southard.....	44	1	.....	.....	.....	63	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	91	.....	110	547 18	Buskirk's.
Cohoes.....	J. Paschal Strong.....	300	35	7	3	.....	432	33	.....	.....	.....	1	400	.....	400	6,712	Cohoes.
Easton.....	A. G. Cochran, S. S.....	20	1	1	.....	.....	*20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	150	Easton.
Fort Miller.....	.....	49	18	6	4	.....	92	1	8	1	1	1	80	.....	26	520 11	Fort Miller.
Gansevoort.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	*24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gansevoort.
Northumberland.....	J. Webster Bailey.....	80	2	3	1	.....	87	.....	2	.....	.....	1	92	.....	63	940 10	Bacon Hill.
Rensselaer.....	George I. Taylor.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	1	.....	.....	1	35	.....	.....	200	Cohoes.
Saratoga.....	.....	141	53	9	1	.....	271	5	40	.....	.....	1	250	.....	140 65	2,106 17	Schurleville.
Schaghticoke.....	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	31 50	.....	Reynolds.
Union Village.....	Theodore Shafer.....	64	2	5	5	.....	171	.....	2	.....	.....	1	52	.....	33 15	1,776 09	Greenwich.
West Troy (North).....	J. W. Beardslee, (s. c.).	118	1	4	10	.....	*190	4	.....	.....	.....	1	180	.....	328 21	3,008 26	West Troy.
West Troy (South).....	.....	182	16	13	5	.....	281	10	2	203	152	1	312	.....	890 73	3,088 95	West Troy.
Wynantskill.....	Ira Van Allen.....	82	8	.....	.....	.....	114	13	5	.....	.....	1	110	.....	101 13	2,319 25	Wynantskill.
Total.....	Total.....	1190	137	49	31	.....	171898	70	68	247	152	12	1720	.....	\$2,176 37	\$21,956 76	

Other Ministers.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, West Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Edw. G. Ackerman, Schaghticoke.

* Revised list.

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CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	N. Y.
		On Confession Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.				Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Operational Purposes.		
First, Schenectady.	Wm. Elliott Griffiths.	11	5	5	6	6	335	10	1	1	3	600	3	600	\$1,273 75	\$4,850 51	Schenectady.	N. Y.
Second, Schenectady.	Peter E. Kipp.	5	7	6	5	5	232	6	6	6	1	195	1	195	291 41	2,017 45	Schenectady.	N. Y.
First, Glenville.	N. E. Nickerson.	11	4	3	5	5	284	1	6	6	2	170	2	170	274 27	1,150 90	Glenville.	N. Y.
Second, Glenville.	D. K. Van Doren.	80	3	2	3	3	169	5	8	8	75	100	3	100	176 58	1,100	Scotia.	N. Y.
First, Rotterdam.	John C. Lowe.	64	3	2	3	3	118	5	1	1	3	130	3	130	115 30	850	Pattersonville.	N. Y.
Second, Rotterdam.	L. Van Derveer.	50	4	1	3	3	79	5	3	3	56	108	5	108	230 35	818 31	Schenectady.	N. Y.
Helderberg.	S. L. Gamble, (s. c.).	217	10	5	1	3	472	9	1	49	150	327	5	327	283 84	2,118 31	Guilderland Centre.	N. Y.
Niskayuna.	C. P. Dittmars.	120	4	11	3	1	223	13	3	122	65	115	3	115	321 40	1,403 11	Niskayuna.	N. Y.
Lisha's Kill.	E. A. McCullen.	93	31	3	2	2	173	5	13	65	70	170	1	170	123	1,501 13	Lisha's Kill.	N. Y.
Amity.	B. A. Bartholf.	85	3	1	3	4	127	3	2	70	75	145	1	145	291 51	1,244	Vischer's Ferry.	N. Y.
Princeton.	J. Kelly Rhinchart.	85	3	1	3	240	5	5	70	70	75	145	1	145	161 38	1,096	Gifford.	N. Y.
Total.	Total.	1355	90	36	31	33	2452	60	38	306	541	2430	24	2430	\$3,238 93	\$18,749 78		

Other Ministers.—Rev. D. B. Hall, Duaneberg, N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.
 Candidates.—Jasper Hogan (Guilderland Centre, N. Y.); Robert Hogan (Guilderland Centre, N. Y.)

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.		On Confession.					Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.*	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Churches.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
		Rec'd.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.														
Beaverdam.....	Robert Doig.....	62	2	3	1	2	118	3	24	40	1	120	\$19 86	\$360 475	Berne.					
Berne.....	Robert Doig.....	62	3	..	..	2	130	..	..	20	1	50	86	475	Berne.	
Breakabin.....	Vacant.....	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	1	40	1 35	400	North Blenheim.
Central Bridge.....	Wm. D. Buckelew.....	20	..	2	1	..	17	..	..	30	1	80	51 07	712 99	Howe's Cave.			
Gallupville.....	J. Howard Van Doren.....	50	..	2	3	5	95	1	15	30	1	140	30	700	Gallupville.					
Gilboa.....	B. C. Miller, S. S.....	47	4	..	..	..	125	..	..	10	1	60	34	626	Gilboa.
Lawyersville.....	Vacant.....	50	..	..	..	2	56	..	..	..	1	146	222 25	600	Lawyersville.
Middleburgh.....	Vacant.....	88	1	3	..	..	149	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	Middleburgh.
Moresville.....	Vacant.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Grand Gorge.
North Blenheim.....	Vacant.....	30	..	..	1	..	39	..	..	..	1	52	7 25	57 35	North Blenheim.
Prattsville.....	Vacant.....	70	4	..	..	9	90	2	4	30	1	65	60 97	800	Prattsville.			
Schoharie.....	Vacant.....	65	..	..	2	2	122	..	..	..	1	105	60 97	865 92	Schoharie.
Schoharie Mountain.....	Wm. D. Buckelew.....	40	..	2	2	..	89	..	..	..	1	80	15 50	400	Howe's Cave.		
Sharon.....	Andrew Parsons.....	50	1	1	2	1	118	2	1	15	1	107	46 35	658 50	Sharon Springs.					
South Gilboa.....	Vacant*.....	19	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	..	1	60	..	100	South Gilboa.
Total.....	Total.....	716	15	9	15	23	1256	9	8	63	193	14	1185	\$577 72	\$7,013 76					

Other Ministers.—Rev. John S. Lott, 51 Seventh ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., infirm in health; Rev. Thomas L. Shafer, East Maine, Broome Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. Wm. H. Carr, 225 Elm street, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. E. Miller, North Blenheim, N. Y.

* Supplied by Rev. L. E. Richards, of the Presbyterian church of Stamford, N. Y. † Last year's report

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Blue Mountain	Vacant	119	8	4	5	5	243	3	3	126	40	2	170	\$613 05	\$46	Saugerties, N. Y.	
Caatsban	Vacant	75	2	2	2	2	128	6	6	1	131	1	79	1,214 76	1,214 76	Saugerties,	
Esopus	Eugene Hill	102	6	3	1	1	106	6	1	131	80	2	175	124 86	690 44	Saugerties,	
Flarboish	A. A. Zaleskie	100	5	1	6	1	176	9	1	185	60	4	200	1,500	1,500	Ulster Park,	
Kingston	J. G. Van Slyke	250	15	5	1	13	482	6	1	488	275	2	250	2,000	25,000	Kingston.	
Port Ewen	B. C. Lippincott	90	2	1	1	1	154	4	2	156	135	1	135	143 45	1,570 46	Port Ewen.	
Plattekill	Solomon T. Cole, S. S.	142	22	4	1	6	221	9	2	230	3	240	73 40	1,570 46	Port Ewen.		
Roxbury	James F. King	71	1	3	4	3	43	2	1	150	125	1	100	48 42	1,330	Roxbury,	
Saugerties	Dennis F. McGibbon	205	10	13	1	6	315	5	2	150	125	1	100	925	3,700	Saugerties,	
Shandaken	A. W. McGibbon	13	2	4	1	4	143	1	1	1	1	1	100	400	400	Shokan,	
Shokan	Vacant	13	2	4	1	4	143	1	1	1	1	1	100	900	900	Shokan,	
Stewartville	Vacant	13	2	4	1	4	143	1	1	1	1	1	100	900	900	Shokan,	
West Hurley	Vacant	63	6	2	2	3	128	15	2	60	49	1	131	52 05	458 71	West Hurley,	
Woodstock	Wm. A. Wurts	44	3	2	4	85	3	1	27	1	175	1	175	37 39	739 75	Woodstock.	
Wiltwyck	Wm. A. Shaw, S. S.	123	89	40	31	2	57	2515	73	20	494	399	24	1944	\$2,823 12	\$43,161 28	Kingston.
Total																	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Alex. Gullick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Stayestant Falls, N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Myers, Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. F. F. Wilson; Rev. N. F. Chapman, Saugerties, N. Y.; Rev. J. N. Voorhis, (s. c.), Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. A. J. Beckman, South Branch, Union Co., N. J.; Rev. S. H. Cobb, 31 Vesey street, N. Y. * Revised list.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	Total now in Communion.				Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
				On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.										Died.
Bronxville.....	Vacant.....	45.....	2.....	5.....	2.....	86.....	1.....	2.....	22.....	70.....	1.....	75.....	\$206 14	\$1,080 70	Bronxville, Westchester Co., N. Y.	
Cortlandtown.....	Joseph A. Harper.....	70.....	6.....	4.....	1.....	*65.....	6.....	2.....	24.....	130.....	2.....	130.....	150 60	898 65	Montrose, " N. Y.	
Fordham.....	William Anderson.....	44.....	6.....	4.....	2.....	*68.....	10.....	4.....	.....	141.....	1.....	141.....	854 77	3,496 96	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburg.....	William E. Turner.....	22.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1 16.....	2.....	.....	.....	1 62.....	1.....	62.....	.....	1600	Elmsford, Westchester Co., " N. Y.
Greenville.....	James E. Graham.....	18.....	70.....	3.....	3.....	51.....	1.....	8.....	.....	1 34.....	1.....	34.....	.....	762	Scarsdale, " N. Y.
Hastings-on-Hudson.....	Vacant.....	70.....	11.....	3.....	3.....	83.....	1.....	.....	.....	1 35.....	1.....	135.....	.....	1,000	Hastings, " N. Y.
Melrose.....	John E. Lang.....	62.....	22.....	1.....	1.....	132.....	9.....	17.....	17.....	1 376.....	1.....	376.....	41.....	1,270 60	Elton Av. cor. 156th St. N. Y. C.	
Mount Vernon.....	Chas. K. Clearwater (s.c.).....	155.....	13.....	26.....	6.....	320.....	9.....	2.....	130.....	194.....	1.....	312.....	1,361 83	5,122 64	Mount Vernon, " N. Y.	
Peekskill.....	Henry De Vries.....	97.....	44.....	10.....	10.....	*123.....	4.....	23.....	20.....	1 99.....	1.....	99.....	273 94	1,781 90	Peekskill, " N. Y.	
Tarrytown, First.....	John K. Allen.....	102.....	4.....	2.....	1.....	8 247.....	5.....	.....	.....	1 180.....	1.....	180.....	525 35	4,280 16	Tarrytown, " N. Y.
Tarrytown, Second.....	John A. Todd.....	100.....	8.....	10.....	7.....	9 336.....	2.....	2.....	.....	1 56.....	1.....	120.....	858 03	3,059	" " "
Unionville.....	Peter A. Wessels.....	48.....	17.....	1.....	3.....	2 98.....	12.....	.....	19.....	1 100.....	1.....	120.....	320 11	1,480 53	Neperan, Westchester Co., " N. Y.
West Farnus.....	James Bolton.....	22.....	5.....	5.....	5.....	*21.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50.....	1.....	100.....	74.....	844 64	1295 Woodruff St., N. Y. City.
Yonkers.....	David Cole.....	150.....	5.....	5.....	5.....	354.....	12.....	3.....	135.....	274.....	2.....	274.....	892 03	7,973 30	Yonkers, N. Y.	
Total.....	Total.....	905.....	132.....	75.....	34.....	3 54 2000.....	74.....	44.....	347.....	681.....	16.....	2188.....	\$5,557 80	\$33,657 08		

Other Ministers.—Rev. William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. William W. Rand, Publ. Sec. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., New York; Rev. Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan; Rev. Alexander Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y.; Rev. A. Messler Quick, 56 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. William S. Moore, 124 Waverly Place, Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. William F. Anderson, Assistant to the Pastor of Fordham, N. Y. City; Rev. Edward J. Runk, 18 West 51st St., New York.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., 135 East 42d St., New York.

*Revised Roll.

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CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Com- municants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Alto.....	Jas. F. Zwerner	115	10	...	6	...	3	170	26	...	360	195	1	150	\$1,089 18	\$1,142 51	Waupun, Wis.
Baileysville.....	Vacant.	16	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	30	...	...	50	51	Baileysville, Ogle Co., Ill.
Bethlehem.....	Vacant.	15	...	...	...	...	3	32	15	1	297	165	1	150	660 28	1,320 69	Bilman's Sta. Mill Co., Wis.
Cedar Grove.....	A. Wornser.	100	13	5	...	...	3	236	67	2	570	135	1	340	2,773 11	3,387 29	Cedar Grove, Wis.
Chicago.....	B. DeBey	240	19	10	35	2	...	449	10	...	150	60	1	70	30	430	414 W. Harrison St., Chic., Ill.
Danforth.....	C. Krickland	40	14	5	...	...	...	74	10	...	...	25	1	60	80	...	Danforth, Ill.
Ebenezer.....	L. Watermuller	65	2	...	3	...	...	62	18	...	...	20	1	35	116	662 32	Oregon, Ogle Co., Ill.
Forreston.....	Vacant	23	...	...	...	...	...	35	9	...	71	23	...	...	108 60	1,208 60	Forreston, Ill.
Franklin.....	Vacant	17	1	...	...	...	1	37	1	...	...	23	...	...	893 25	1,298 90	Howard Prairie, Mill Co. Wis.
Fulton.....	Harm Van der Ploeg	157	16	8	4	1	2	160	43	...	550	215	1	180	920 20	1,750	Fulton, Ill.
Gibbsville.....	John Dunsavold	98	6	6	...	...	...	225	20	...	250	150	1	190	893 25	1,750	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co., Wis.
Greenleafon.....	J. P. DeLong	64	1	3	2	...	...	123	8	...	178	86	1	44	170 64	943 53	Greenleafon, Fill. Co. Minn.
Holland.....	John Tutzinga	113	4	3	46	2	1	213	30	...	...	173	1	195	979 95	1,069 03	Holland, Lancaster Co., Neb.
Lausang.....	W. Luthack	21	6	...	...	...	...	45	1	...	88	46	...	...	12	325	Lausang, Cook Co., Ill.
Milwaukee.....	John Broek	100	4	...	10	...	4	230	8	...	250	128	1	228	1,657 60	1,525 12	673 10th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Oostburg.....	Vacant	33	4	...	...	...	...	69	3	...	...	40	1	60	280 38	624 95	Oostburg, Sheboygan Co., "
Pella.....	Vacant	27	...	...	...	...	...	25	1	...	...	31	1	31	40	38	Pella, Lancaster Co., Ill.
Peoria.....	John Muller	55	3	...	...	...	...	49	18	...	180	31	1	210	68 93	1,400	Peoria, Ill.
Philadelphia.....	Vacant.	23	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	32	1	12	3	129	Philadelphia, Phillips Co., Kan.
Roseland.....	B. Van Ess	223	36	32	12	7	...	327	49	...	...	336	1	380	1,143 73	2,071 52	Roseland, Cook Co., Ill.
Sheboygan Falls.....	Vacant.	19	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	36	...	...	41	50	Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Silver Creek.....	H. Mazke	87	6	2	10	...	...	125	19	...	...	46	2	150	578 41	1,304 81	Weiman, Stephenson, Ill.
South Holland.....	Wm. Moerdyk	86	8	...	2	...	1	174	17	...	251	160	1	140	700	1,878 77	South Holland, Cook Co. Ill.
Total.....	Total.....	1787	153	80	138	6	28	2960	362	3	3195	2145	19	2655	\$12,316 82	\$22,671 77	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. H. Karsten, (s. c.), Editor *De Hoop*, Holland, Mich.; Rev. J. Blaetgen, Dakota.
 Candidates.—Fred. J. Zwerner, Graafschap, Mich.

AMOY MISSION.—R. C. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						B.A.P.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession.	Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.			Total Enrollment.
First Amoy.....			2	2	4	1	4	104	4						\$314 08		
Second Amoy.....	Ti Peng.....		6	6	6	1	2	139	4						394 70		
Chioh-be.....			1	3											174 20		
O-Kang.....			6	6	1		3	97	6						146 30		
Hong-San.....							1	58							104 13		
Tong-an.....			2				1	50	3						56 66		
Chioh Thian-Khit.....			17	3		2	2	122	13						200 26		
Chiang-Chiu.....			14			1	1	134	2						241 44		
Sio-ke.....																	
Total.....	Total.....		48	8	12	11	15	776	33						\$1,031 77		

Other Ministers.—J. V. N. Talmage, D.D.; L. W. Kip, D.D.; A. T. Van Dyck.
Candidates.—Li Ki-che, Ng Chhia.

JAPAN MISSION.—R. C. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			On Confessi'n	On Certificate	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.			Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.			Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.
Nagasaki			2	3	2	1	33	17	10	2				YEN.	14 200			
Kagoshima	Ichiji Tonegawa		59	4	11	2	247	96	7	59					3 101			
Kaigan	Akra Inagaki		20	2	2	3	96	7	30						598 994			
Mishima			25	1	3	40	15	20							25 924			
Nagoya	Kaichi Banno		15	8	3	1	4	90	4	15					90 371			
Kojinachi	M. Ogino		26	2	7	3	1	93	26						233 970			
Shitaya	Kumaji Kimura		15	4	3	4	8	103	1	15					381 588			
Kiyobashi	Masatsuma Okuno		12	4	3	3	56	62	2	12					888 890			
Ueda	Kobayashi		8	2	2	2	62	2	2	2					116 812½			
Wadamura																		
Total	Total		182	22	33	8	19	837	24	157					*2,403 850½			

Other Ministers.—Henry Stout, N. H. Denarest, Howard Harris, A. Segawa, Nagasaki; J. H. Ballagh, E. S. Booth, S. Takagi, M. Uyenura. Yokohama; G. F. Verbeck, D.D., E. Rothersey Miller, J. L. Auernman, D.D., S. Maki, K. Ibuka, Tokyo.

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	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Total-Communicants.			Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
											Infants.	Adults.							
Classis of Albany.....	17	20	1	1740	158	55	50	6	62	2041	79	44	1103	642	19	2735	\$ 8,766 53	\$37,022 13	Rev. J. L. Pearse
Classis of Arnot.....	23	11	1	1349	38	28	41	19	30	1582	118	18	1103	1158	85	5088	511	485	John Scudder
Classis of Bergen.....	17	14	1	1103	118	28	27	1	24	1582	326	18	403	1088	81	3179	3,385 89	20,241 92	P. V. Van Buisirk
South Classis of Bergen.....	12	13	1	1248	186	80	145	2	36	2280	252	16	1277	1390	16	3320	6,174 87	44,961 11	W. R. Durve
Classis of Cayuga.....	12	13	1	753	34	15	8	2	14	1106	21	10	1277	1390	16	3320	3,280 34	19,943 82	C. O. Thatchler
Classis of Geneva.....	15	11	1	954	110	48	51	2	26	1258	96	6	3624	411	11	1471	2,106 44	10,660 91	John Winbeck
Classis of Grand River.....	15	11	1	1824	205	112	70	12	32	2568	325	3	3624	411	11	1471	3,023 38	17,489 11	Peter De Pree
Classis of Greene.....	7	14	1	754	87	26	18	2	29	1386	35	14	481	376	12	1046	2,263 18	10,262 67	Benjamin Van Zandt
Classis of Holland.....	19	11	1	355	131	36	42	...	32	1635	181	2	1212	1304	15	1896	9,969 98	11,888 96	George Nieneyer
Classis of Hudson.....	10	10	1	1100	47	30	35	...	35	1928	65	19	274	1313	15	1685	3,448 06	17,592 84	T. S. Dushinberre
Classis of Illinois.....	16	12	1	839	42	19	21	1	11	1136	65	2	857	335	20	1879	837 14	8,115 18	John S. Jorammon
Classis of Iowa.....	16	15	1	929	89	142	76	3	16	1307	208	7	1794	923	15	1124	2,279 76	12,470 02	Lawrence Dykstra
Classis of Kingston.....	14	14	1	1352	105	43	35	...	50	2172	32	35	804	533	26	2274	1,887 45	16,497 93	J. F. Harris
N. Classis of Long Island.....	21	24	1	2280	179	76	89	...	69	3313	316	32	412	871	27	6811	7,020 05	44,818 03	Wm. H. Ten Eyck
S. Classis of Long Island.....	17	24	1	1868	228	119	106	...	68	4159	247	32	1696	2155	25	6430	25,235 59	71,884 25	R. G. Strong
Classis of Michigan.....	9	9	1	509	34	34	25	2	9	836	24	4	501	315	11	1570	1,538 80	9,415 85	Alonzo P. Peeke
Classis of Monticourt.....	10	12	1	733	47	34	30	...	18	1413	42	22	697	312	15	1203	1,886 03	13,352 27	Theo. W. Wells
Classis of Montgomery.....	22	16	1	1823	138	53	36	5	55	2560	54	58	249	391	27	2183	2,871 71	29,160 14	A. J. Hageman
Classis of Newark.....	15	17	1	1630	225	112	122	1	35	3193	165	32	312	1310	18	4632	17,933 35	48,804 64	Henry Veluslage
Classis of New Brunswick.....	11	22	3	1191	104	84	68	2	41	2532	66	18	1159	825	33	1994	8,850 30	18,359 12	Edward T. Corwin
Classis of New York.....	22	40	3	3003	566	177	147	...	89	6849	333	43	1880	4241	36	9155	47,190 69	71,548 84	Abm. Thompson
Classis of Orange.....	23	19	1	1724	104	67	74	2	78	3324	106	27	634	333	33	2463	4,085 50	24,953 92	Richard De Witt
Classis of Paramus.....	23	21	1	1910	144	99	87	4	67	3334	102	36	246	2171	26	3989	7,551 07	48,908 56	William H. Clark
Classis of Passaic.....	13	17	1	1208	96	31	41	3	23	2293	98	20	1400	994	29	2663	2,007 56	19,326 01	Samuel T. Stearle
Classis of Philadelphia.....	14	16	1	1536	202	77	79	3	56	2918	81	47	255	523	26	3249	5,520 29	30,315 12	Wm. B. Voorhees
Classis of Poughkeepsie.....	11	14	1	1077	108	88	43	...	38	2173	35	41	656	700	24	2533	7,093 52	25,997 06	A. P. Van Gleson
Classis of Raritan.....	15	22	1	1822	152	112	125	2	75	3473	94	46	656	700	24	2533	5,926 50	35,997 06	J. F. Mesick
Classis of Rensselaer.....	13	15	1	1159	66	28	50	1	32	1993	42	26	497	387	15	1502	3,912 50	20,705 64	E. A. Collier
Classis of Saratoga.....	14	19	1	1100	137	98	31	...	17	1868	70	68	347	192	12	1730	2,176 37	21,956 75	J. W. Beardslee
Classis of Schenectady.....	11	15	1	1355	90	36	31	1	32	2452	60	38	306	541	25	1448	3,328 39	18,749 78	S. L. Gamble
Classis of Schoharie.....	11	15	1	1355	90	36	31	1	32	2452	60	38	306	541	25	1448	3,328 39	18,749 78	Robert Doig
Classis of Ulster.....	15	21	1	1238	89	40	34	2	57	2515	73	20	494	399	28	1944	2,822 12	43,161 26	J. N. Voorhis
Classis of Westchester.....	14	21	1	1905	132	75	81	3	51	2900	74	44	347	681	16	2188	5,567 80	33,657 08	Chas. K. Clearwater
Classis of Wisconsin.....	23	17	1	1787	133	80	133	6	28	2000	362	3	3195	2145	19	2655	12,346 82	32,671 77	J. H. Karsten
Amoy Mission.....	8	3	...	...	48	8	12	11	15	776	33	...	...	...	...	...	1,631 71	...	...
Japan Mission.....	10	11	...	...	182	22	33	8	19	837	24	157	...	...	...	...	2,049 59	...	...
Total.....	513	573	6	45654	4539	2144	2004	97	1395	83702	4334	1040	28417	30236	758	95331	\$233,996 46	\$871,387 25	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes present the following Report :

That they find on page 325 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, the following :

Resolved, That this Synod overture the General Synod to take proper steps to amend Art. 8, Section 1, of our Constitution, so that the latter part of said Article shall read as follows : “ And *six* ministers and *six* elders, when regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, excepting those Synods which consist of not more than five classes, in which case *four* ministers and *four* elders may form a quorum.”

Your Committee recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Overtures.

HENRY WARD.
B. B. STAATS,
P. FURBECK,
PETER C. STAATS.”

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented its Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

1. The returns put into our hands show that the proposed constitutional “ amendments ” by “ foot notes ” to the baptismal form, have been rejected in Classical action, as follows :

Eight Classes approve the first “ amendment,” and six the second; thirteen Classes reject the first, and fifteen the second; two Classes reserve their decision, and eleven have taken no action whatever. But whilst rejecting the “ amendments,” seven Classes have overtured General Synod on various points having relation thereto; and these overtures have a right to respectful consideration. The addition of “ foot notes ” to one of our Liturgical Forms seems in itself a small

matter. But when these "foot notes" are proposed as "amendments" to, or integral parts of, the Constitution; when, moreover, as "amendments" they become part and parcel of an "obligatory" doctrinal Form, and must, therefore, be read in their place with the rest of it, their importance becomes evident. And when we see, as these overtures give us evidence, how the subject opens out and enlarges into other "amendments," corrections, alterations and changes, the importance of the matter before your Committee and before Synod still grows; for the asterisk and its amending foot note have become the small edge of an entering wedge. We may analyze these overtures as follows. All of them express or imply a desire for only such action on the part of Synod as shall be constitutional and free from constitutional objections. But their subject matter is various. The Classis of Illinois for instance proposes a change in the wording of the second question of the Form of Baptism, from "wholly incapable of any good, and prone to all evil," to "incapable of any saving good, and prone to evil"; *i. e.*, a change in the substance of the Form itself. The South Classis of Bergen, also, proposes to "embody in the text" present foot notes, as well as "the explanation sought to be secured by" those "proposed to the Classes." The Classis of Greene desires to have given "a definite and *authoritative* meaning to the phrase, 'the Articles of the Christian religion'"; whilst the Classis of Paramus questions the power of Synod thus to "interpret and explain," and argues the doctrinal points above referred to. The Classis of New York takes the ground that until the statutory part of our Constitution, by which we must abide, is itself amended, there is no constitutional provision for amending either Liturgy or Standards. And on the same ground, the Classis of Schenectady and the Particular Synod of Albany desire Synod to "devise some method of changing" both Liturgy and Doctrinal Standards. Your Committee will endeavor to cover the matter of these and the other overtures.

Evidently the first and fundamental point to be considered is the one last presented by the Classes of New York and Schenectady, and the Particular Synod of Albany; viz, has the Synod a right to make the changes desired? In the year 1771, the Reformed churches then existing agreed in General

Convention to "abide fully by the Constitution of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands, as established in the Synod of Dort, in 1618 and 1619." This constituted our American Reformed Dutch *Church*. What they thus agreed to "abide by" were the various Doctrinal Standards, the Liturgy and the Rules of church government. And let it be noted, that there already existed an important difference between the first two of these and the last. The Doctrinal Standards and the Liturgy were the work of all the delegates from England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and other countries. Into the Standards they introduced nothing upon which they could not be unanimous. These Standards represented, therefore, as they now represent, the bottom unity of Evangelical Protestant Christendom, when its doctrines are taken, as these were, direct and fresh from the Bible well; whilst the Liturgy represented the same when reduced to form. The Rules of church government, on the other hand, were the work of the National Church, its "*post acta*," when the other delegates were gone; rules applicable to its own situation, and changeable to suit circumstances. Such change in these Rules of church government became necessary in 1788, after our own Revolution. Accordingly they were amended, and some seventy "explanatory articles" appended, mostly the work of Dr. Livingston; and in General Convention, in 1792, these revised Rules and Articles were adopted, were then bound up with the original Standards and Liturgy, which had been translated, and became with these the first distinctively American Dutch Church *Constitution*. The fusion of these Rules and "*Explanatory Articles*" made what was distinctively the Constitution of 1833, the lineal predecessor of our present Constitution; this latter being merely a revision of its predecessor, made in 1874. As a strictly constitutional point, therefore, it will be seen from the above, that the words "foregoing articles" in Art. 15 of our present Constitution, have come down to us with a definite meaning, as applicable to the Rules or statutory parts alone, and not to the Liturgy and Standards. So far as the Rules of church government (which we loosely call "the Constitution") are concerned, Liturgy and Standards have from the beginning been considered outside the line of amendment, and in consequence no provision has been made for amending them. These were

made in the *great* Synod, and represent Reformed unity ; the Rules, on the contrary, being merely of National or provincial origin, and representing changing church necessities.

From the constitutional view, let us pass to Synodical action as it affects this subject, and especially the Liturgy. Our real Liturgy, as it has come down to us, (let it be said at this place), comprises four forms, which, because of their doctrinal character and importance, are obligatory ; and (with approximate accuracy) six optional ones, besides the prayers. In 1848, Rev. James Romeyn made the first move affecting the Liturgy—deploring the lack of uniformity in its use, and suggesting a burial service. The real germ of all subsequent action, however, was in 1853, and shows conclusively their idea of just what could and could not be done. In that year a committee of ten was appointed to consider the whole matter, but “without touching doctrinal sentiments.” These were excluded. They, accordingly, sought to improve the translation, to abbreviate for public reading, to change the position of prayers, and to add some new forms. Up to 1868, however, they had succeeded in nothing, except in retranslating “innocently condemned.” A new committee was in that year appointed. They followed the same line ; of adding “*new* offices,” but “touching” no “doctrinal sentiment,” and no *old* form whether obligatory or optional. And yet, although accepted by twenty-two Classes out of thirty-four, up to this date not one of these “new offices” has been constitutionally adopted by Synod, except the marriage form. They have been “printed in connection with the Standards”—*i. e.*, in the same *book* with the Standards and Liturgy—but never adopted in accordance with Art. 15, §2, as the change of name and the marriage form were adopted.

From this review it will be seen, your Committee think, how Synod has the means of reconciling the past, its Constitution and history, with a proper development and all proper requests of the Classes. The past is valuable ; our Constitution and history, as they have come down to us, have the savor of wisdom. Let them stand. Our Doctrinal Standards and older Liturgy (as we have said) connect us, as being their work, with that great general assembly of original churches, whose delegates assembled at Dort. They represent this oneness and unity down at the bottom. And whilst

Catholic and Episcopal churches are making such use of antiquity ; whilst pedigree and ancestry are becoming so valuable in other directions, why should we, who have it as a Church, spoil our "coat of arms," our Standards and Liturgy? We are not a Church of yesterday, but of centuries. Moreover, as to whatever contains doctrine, and this involves both Standards and Liturgy, whatever contains the *credo*, the belief, the faith of a Church ; how can you alter it by majorities, without general consent, and maintain your discipline over dissentients who say this is not what we promised to hold and preach? Congregational churches may have diversity ; we must have general consent. But on the other hand, the history, when analyzed, shows a constitutional and open way for-all needed development. What is as yet in no wise settled ; what relates to the philosophy of, or is additional to the doctrines of our creed ; what other denominations holding, like ourselves, early creeds, have not thought it necessary to introduce, to amend, or even to agitate, it is certainly not necessary for us to agitate just now, when there is so much better work to do. But as to what is now before us, your Committee would present their views and sum up as follows :

1. Instead of the proposed "amendments," which have been rejected, let simple marginal references be appended to the page as proposed by the Classis of Paramus ; but leaving everything in the way of interpretation and explanation to the Standards themselves, and to an honest ministry pledged thereto, where it has been these 200 years.

2. So far as present foot notes are merely of the nature of better translation, let them be transferred to the text, as proposed by the South Classis of Bergen.

3. Whatever a proper development may seem to demand in the way of forms *additional* to the old, or *other* matter, let it be properly adopted and placed separately by itself, as new matter marking and appropriate to its own age.

4. Since there has been as yet no correctly prepared edition of the Constitution, and especially its Liturgy, let a suitable committee be appointed to prepare an accurate one as to translation, arrangement, etc., for future publication, as proposed by the Classis of New Brunswick.

These four suggestions, if adopted by Synod, may be regarded as resolutions covering, so far as can be covered, the

matters presented in the various overtures on the subject of the Liturgy and constitutional amendments, except the one presented by the Rev. N. D. Williamson, which can be referred to that Committee.

A communication from the Rev. N. D. Williamson has been submitted to your Committee on Overtures, requesting that statistical tables of the Foreign Mission churches in China and Japan, be published in the Minutes of the General Synod in connection with the statistical tables from the several Classes.

Inasmuch as this matter is under consideration by the Committee on Foreign Missions, your Committee on Overtures deem no recommendation on their part necessary.

A communication has been submitted to your Committee from the "Law and Order League, of Somerset Co., N. J.," asking the General Synod to take action condemning the practice of the signing of tavern licenses by members of the Church.

While the body from which this communication comes is one with which the General Synod has no official relations, and while the statutes in various localities differ in their requirements, so that in some States no signatures of property holders are necessary for the procuring of licenses to sell intoxicating liquors, yet in view of the terrible and wide spread evils of intemperance, and also in view of the fact that the General Synod has repeatedly made emphatic deliverances on the general subject, your Committee recommend the following :

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod it is the duty of all who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and their fellow-men, to use every endeavor to resist the progress of intemperance, to prevent men from being ensnared by this dreadful evil, and to deliver those who are under its power.

2. *Resolved*, That we deem it utterly inconsistent with the character and profession of the members of the Church of Christ, to encourage the traffic in intoxicating liquors, by renting for the purpose of such traffic any property which they own or which is under their control ; by signing the applications of those who apply for licenses to sell intoxicating liquor ; by becoming sureties for those who make application for such licenses, or in any other manner whatsoever.

Your Committee further report on the Overture of the

South Reformed Church of West Troy that they have carefully examined all the papers referred to them, and, after due consideration, state that the facts are fully and fairly stated in the report of Rev. Dr. Beardslee, to the Classis of Saratoga, which is herewith submitted as part of this Report, and is as follows:

“Your Committee appointed to examine into and report the facts in regard to the standing of the South Reformed Church of West Troy, would respectfully report that they have spent one day in the examination of the Minutes of the Consistory, legal papers, and members of that church, and a sub committee, consisting of the Chairman and Elder Harmon, has held a lengthy interview with Mr. Jermain, and taken legal advice on some points not clear to them; and as a result would present the following statement as substantially covering the ground, so far as our information goes:

“The South Reformed Church of West Troy is a church in connection with the Reformed Church in America, having been organized under instructions given by the Classis of Albany, June 18, 1844, articles of incorporation being filed July 26, 1844, and being in part the ecclesiastical successor of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Washington and Gibbonsville, which was organized March 19, 1814.

“Its first house of worship was on Broadway, below the arsenal in West Troy, built on lands donated to the original church, by James Gibbons and John Schuyler, Jr., Aug. 7, 1815, ‘for the sole purpose of erecting a meeting house or place of public worship.’ As this original deed was given to Rev. Robt. Bronk, pastor, and Ph. Schuyler, and V. L. Oothout, Elders, of the Reformed Church, there can be no possible doubt as to what church was to occupy and own this ‘meeting house or place of public worship.’

“In consequence of financial embarrassment, the Supreme Court ordered the sale of this property, and it was bought by Clarkson F. Crosby, Feb. 26, 1844, and on the 7th of Aug., 1844, soon after the organization of the South Reformed Church of West Troy, Mr. Crosby deeded it again to the church, by whom it was held and used, until the Supreme Court again authorized its sale on the 25th Sept., 1872. This last order of Court was granted for two reasons, viz:

“1. Because the location had become unsuitable for the use of the church for religious purposes; and

“2. In order that they might accept an offer made by Mr. Jas. B. Jermain in regard to a new church to be erected in a more central locality.

“Mr. Jermain’s offer (a copy of which accompanies this report), was made in a communication to Mr. John C. Schuyler, a prominent member of the church, dated Feb. 18, 1872, and agreed to build for the perpetual use of the congregation a church edifice, on the acceptance by the congregation of seven conditions specified, the first of which is that the lot must be bought by the congregation and the deed given to Mr. Jermain; and the seventh, that the congregation should be ‘under the care of the General Synod or of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, as the congregation may at any time hereafter elect.’

“This proposition was formally accepted by the Consistory March 21, 1872, and by the congregation, in a meeting called for that purpose, April 11, 1872.

“At another meeting of the congregation, held June 28, 1872, the following action was taken:

“*Whereas*, The Consistory of the church, with the consent of the congregation, have agreed with Jas. B. Jermain for the lease, for a nominal rent for the term of 999 years, of a church edifice to be erected by him in the first ward of the village of West Troy.

“*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this meeting it is expedient and advisable that the present church site, edifice, parsonage and buildings be sold, and the proceeds applied to the furnishing of said church with all necessary furniture, including the heating, and gas fixtures for the lighting thereof, and the repair of said church and its parsonage and other buildings during the term of said lease;

“*Resolved*, That the Consistory, as trustees of this church and congregation, be, and they are hereby, authorized and requested to make the requisite application to the Supreme Court for an order authorizing the sale of said premises, and for the application of the proceeds to the purpose aforesaid.’

“This action of the congregation led to the Court order of the 25th Sept., 1874, which expressly stipulates that the ‘proceeds or money arising from any such sale be applied

by the said corporation to the fitting up and furnishing of said new church edifice (to be leased or conveyed to said corporation by J. B. Jermain,) but such application of such moneys shall not be made until after such lease or conveyance of such new church lot and edifice shall have been made as aforesaid to such corporation.'

"The property was sold and the proceeds went into the new buildings, but Mr. Jermain has not given the lease contemplated, although solicited by the church to do so.

"In regard to the lot on which the new church stands, your Committee find that on the 19th of Feb., 1872, a committee was appointed for the purchase of suitable lots subject to the approval of Mr. Jermain. This committee, afterward changed in some of its members, reported to a meeting held March 27, 1872, in regard to the present site, stating the cost of the same, and were instructed to buy it. They did so on the 24th of June, 1872, and the Treasurer's books show that he paid for the same, yet in purchasing they signed the papers not as trustees of the church, but as private persons, and soon after sold the same to Mr. Jermain, again signing with their wives as private persons, for one dollar. On the 15th of Dec., 1874, more than two years later, the same parties gave another deed to Mr. Jermain for \$6,000, so that while the congregation, through its committee, bought and paid for the property, it never really held the title in its own name, for what reason your Committee will not undertake to say.

"From this statement, it will be seen that Mr. Jermain has the title to the property and has paid for the building, while the South Reformed Church has put into it and its surroundings the proceeds of the sale of its old property, amounting to about \$6,000, besides a subscription raised by them of about \$7,000, or \$13,000 in all, money given to a Reformed Church and for the use of a Reformed Church.

"We find further, that the South Reformed Church has a Lecture Room, standing on land purchased by the Consistory in 1872, and the building itself erected in 1878. The original cost of the land was \$1,000, and of the building \$6,348.78. The cost of the furniture we are not able to determine. This property having been bought by the South Reformed Church, and paid for out of its own moneys, can-

not be so easily voted away. It belongs to the South Reformed Church.

“Thus matters stood, the Reformed Church being in undisputed and peaceable possession of its own property, and enjoying the use of the edifice erected by Mr. Jermain until the death of their beloved pastor, Rev. Selah W. Strong, soon after which the project of changing the relations of the church from the Reformed to the Presbyterian Church began to be agitated. It is not clear to your Committee from whom this proposal first came, some affirming that Mr. Jermain suggested it, and others that it came from the congregation.

“In a letter written by their request to the Consistory, dated March 12, 1885, Mr. Jermain says: ‘Having been educated in the Presbyterian Church, I cannot but be excused for an attachment to the same. It was the Church of my infancy, and its broad and aggressive character and catholicity has given it deep root in my affections. It has an American character which the Reformed Church cannot claim, and proof of which is the constant increase in its numbers, while the Reformed Church has little or no increase, but is rather on the wane.’ In the same letter he also promises, if the change is made, to make his contributions to the benevolent Boards of the Presbyterian Church through their church, and also that ‘the sum of \$50,000 would be paid into the hands of my executors or trustees, the income of which, after my decease, would suffice to keep the buildings of the church in repair,’ &c. This letter seems to have been the occasion of a vigorous effort to bring about the change, and at a meeting of the congregation held for that purpose March 12, 1885, 153 voted to unite with the Presbyterian Church, and 33 against it. In consequence of this action, the request comes before this Classis for such transfer.

“Respectfully submitted,

“J. W. BEARDSLEE, *Chairman.*”

We further find that after the voting for the change from the Reformed Church to the Presbyterian Church, that portion of the congregation which had voted for the change formed an organization under the name and title of The

Jermain Memorial Church, but that such organization was not formed until after the said majority of the South Reformed Church of West Troy had made under that name (The South Reformed Church of West Troy) an application to the Classis of Saratoga to have the church dismissed to join the Presbytery of Albany, and their request had been denied.

That after they had made such change in name (to the Jermain Memorial Church), they made application to the Presbytery of Albany to be received and constituted into a church to be called the Jermain Memorial Church, and the said Presbytery of Albany passed the following:

Resolved, That the request be granted, and that a committee be appointed to constitute them as a church in accordance with that request; and such committee was appointed, consisting of seven—four ministers and three elders.

Your Committee further report that the minority of the members of the South Reformed Church of West Troy did not give up their membership as members of the Reformed Church, but still continued and now continue to keep up the organization, although they have been deprived of the use of their former house of worship, the parsonage and chapel.

From all which facts as found, your Committee consider:

1st. That the organization of the South Reformed Church of West Troy has never been changed, and that it is now under the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

2d. That if the facts as stated in the papers submitted can be substantiated, that the said the South Reformed Church of West Troy is entitled to the use and occupation of all the property, including the church edifice, parsonage and chapel and furnishings which have been in their possession, except such as have been disposed of by due course of law. But that their legal rights are not for this ecclesiastical body to adjudicate upon; it is a matter which will have to be acted upon by a court of law.

3d. That your Committee consider that the Classis of Saratoga were right in their action in refusing to dismiss the South Reformed Church of West Troy (under the application made to them) to the Presbytery of Albany, or to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

4th. That we consider that the South Reformed Church of West Troy should continue steadfast in their faith and adhere to their church organization, as we believe they are in the right, and that justice is on their side.

An Overture has also been received from the South Classis of Long Island, asking "for a dispensation for examination of J. Tallmadge Bergen of Flatlands, for licensure, upon the completion of his course of study in the Union Theological Seminary, and upon the proper presentation of necessary certificates."

While your Committee would strongly insist upon the propriety of our students pursuing their studies in our own Institution, we find that there are good and sufficient reasons why an exception should be made in this case; therefore, after careful examination of the case, your Committee recommend that the dispensation asked for be granted.

Your Committee have an Overture from the Particular Synod of Chicago, in relation to the fact that, from the great distances to be traveled by delegates, they cannot secure a quorum if obliged to observe the number required by Art. 8, Sec. 1 of the Constitutional rules, viz: nine ministers and nine elders. Your Committee see no objection to the following:

Resolved, That Art. 8, Sec. 1 be sent down to the Classes for amendment in these words: "*And six ministers and six elders, when regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business;*" this to be the number without regard to the number of Classes represented.

A. G. VERMILYE, *Chairman*.
WM. H. CLARK,
IRA VAN ALLEN,
WALTER T. L. SANDERS,
G. VAN NOSTRAND.

The following were appointed the committee on a critical edition of the Constitution, according to suggestion fourth in the above report: Revs. A. G. Vermilye, E. T. Corwin, D. D. Demarest; Elders, H. W. Bookstaver and John L. Zabriskie.

In reference to the South Church of West Troy, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to visit the South

Church of West Troy and Mr. Jermain, and that said Committee be instructed to raise funds that may be necessary to protect said Church in its rights of property. Rev. A. G. Vermilye and Elders P. S. Danforth and Augustus Schoonmaker were appointed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following Report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Judicial Business would respectfully report:

A single paper has been referred to your Committee, to wit :

A communication from the Classis of Grand River, with reference to the omission from the Minutes of the General Synod of 1884, of the name of L. J. Hulst, a deposed minister.

Although the communication “enters a *complaint*” against such omission, that word is used in a general and not a technical sense : the document is not a complaint as defined by the Constitution (Art. 14, §11-13) ; nor are there any matters contained in its text which demand the consideration of the General Synod judicially.

The facts as presented to your Committee are briefly these : In the year 1882, the Classis of Grand River, after a long and patient hearing of the charges against him, solemnly deposed from the Gospel ministry a member of said Classis, the Rev. L. J. Hulst.

No appeal was taken from their sentence, but the deposed brother instead of submitting thereto, continued to preach and administer the sacraments, and was received as a minister in good standing of the Christian Reformed Church.

The Classis of Grand River, on the assumption that a deposed minister holds a *quasi* relation to the Classis to whose discipline he was amenable, continued to report among “other ministers,” “L. J. Hulst deposed.”

The report of the Classis was thus printed in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, for the years 1882-3-4; and is printed in the Minutes of said Particular Synod for 1885.

In the same form the report was copied in the Minutes of General Synod for the years 1882-3; but from the Minutes of the General Synod, 1884, the name of L. J. Hulst, deposed minister, is omitted.

Against such omission the Classis of Grand River enters a complaint, and requests the General Synod to order the Stated Clerk to restore the name.

Your Committee recommend the following action :

1. That the action of the Stated Clerk, in dropping from the statistical table of the Classis of Grand River, the name of "L. J. Hulst, deposed minister," be and hereby is commended and approved.

2. Inasmuch as a minister deposed sustains no relation either to the Classis or the Church, the names of such as receive this extreme sentence of the church judicatory, should be at once dropped from the roll. The mention of such cases of discipline in the body of the Classical Report for the current year, is sufficient notice to the Church and the world.

3. Neither the action of the Stated Clerk nor of the General Synod is to be construed as reflecting upon, or questioning the fidelity of the Classis of Grand River. This Synod has perfect confidence in the members of said Classis, and deeply sympathizes with them in their peculiar difficulties.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS BRETT,
W. H. PHRANER,
A. A. ZABRISKIE,
T. C. STRYKER,
J. N. GROENDYK.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

It was on motion,

Resolved, That "Children's Day" be changed from the third Sabbath of May to the Second Sabbath of June.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Fifty-third Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, with the Treasurer's Annual Report, and referred to the Committee on Education, the part relating to vacancies being referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee would respectfully report that there have been placed in our hands for consideration The Fifty-third Annual Report of the Board of Education, and an overture from the Classis of Iowa in reference to the Northwestern Classical Academy.

Upon examining the Report of the Board, we find that the Board exercising the discretion granted by the last Synod, continued the salary of its late secretary until Feb. 1st, 1885, and then, on account of his continued illness, declared the office vacant, and appointed thereto Rev. Giles H. Mandeville, D.D., who is present as representative of the Board.

Eleven students were graduated from the Theological Seminary last year; five have suspended study, either temporarily or permanently; while fourteen have been received under care of the Board. There are now upon the list forty-two students for the ministry, in various stages of preparation. Of these, eight are in Grammar schools. Recognizing the force of the reasons given for the suspension of the rule of the Board limiting aid to students in College or Seminary, we would suggest the desirability of making such exceptions as infrequent as possible, since the uncertainty of a student's reaching the ministry increases in more than arithmetical progression with each year of preparation needed.

The bequest of Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., in the sum of \$2,000, the interest of which, after the decease of his widow, is to be devoted to the support of Hope College, has been paid. The late Johnson Letson also bequeathed to the Board the sum of \$1,000 for the same object.

The financial report represents the receipts and disbursements for the year in considerable detail, but one, possibly a clerical, error needs notice. In the body of the report there appears no indication of anything having been paid on debt account, yet the amount of debt reported is somewhat less than that reported in 1884. Grateful for the reduction, we cannot account for it, except upon the theory that the debt has shared in the shrinkage in values which has been so general during the past year.

The Board have included in their report the list of scholarships held by them.

The work of the Northwestern Classical Academy is referred to with commendation. This subject will be considered in connection with the overture from the Classis of Iowa.

Mention is made of the loss to the Board and to the Church, caused by the death of Mr. Johnson Letson of New Brunswick, N. J.

In concluding their report the Board dwell upon two pressing needs—Men and Means. The Church needs the men, the Board needs the means. Both may be obtained through the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit in answer to prevailing prayer.

In connection with this report of the Board we would suggest the following action.

Whereas, It has pleased Him who is head over all things to the Church to call from us our beloved brother, Johnson Letson, who had faithfully served this Church in various spheres of usefulness, especially in connection with her educational work, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we place upon our Minutes a record of our appreciation of his services while living, of our sense of loss in his death, and of our sympathy with his bereaved family in their affliction.

Resolved, That the attention of pastors, teachers and parents be earnestly called to the needs and claims of the Christian ministry, that they may seek to lead young men under

their influence to consecrate themselves to this important and blessed work.

Resolved, That the sum of \$10,000 at least be urged upon the Church as the amount to be raised during the current year; a sum not too great for the ability of the Church, and the needs of our educational institutions, if there be the willing mind.

Resolved, That the Board be directed to designate at an early date to the Stated Clerk of each Classis the proportionate amount that may justly be expected from the Classis for the year, and that the Classes be requested at the first session thereafter, to distribute this amount among the several churches.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Board be authorized to appoint a representative in each of the Particular Synods.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be authorized to grant assistance to Hope College, to such extent as its funds will admit.

Resolved, that the Board of Education have authority to recommend to the Trustees of Rutgers College such students for the Van Bunschooten Fund, as upon consultation may be found advisable.

THE NORTHWESTERN CLASSICAL ACADEMY.

This young Institution needs a home and proper equipment. Located in the vast and rapidly growing field of the Northwest, in the midst of a people earnest and enterprising, but poor, it needs help. If our Church is to live, it must grow. If it is to grow, its greatest increase must be along the frontier. If it is to hold its own even on the frontier, it must hold and provide for the rising generation. To wait until "local self-help" is sufficient to maintain the Academy, is to doom it to an untimely death. Our brethren in this distant field have done nobly. They propose to raise among themselves the sum of \$14,000 to provide a building for the Institution. They ask for an appropriation from the Board of Education, of \$2,000 for the next year. Is this extravagant for them, or onerous for us?

In view of the facts presented to your Committee upon this matter we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this General Synod, recognizing the importance and needs of the Northwestern Academy, earnestly commends it to the sympathy and benevolence of our people.

Resolved, That this Synod endorses the appointment of the Rev. L. Dykstra, as financial agent of the Academy, and commends him to our churches in its behalf, and directs its Stated Clerk to publish this action in the *Christian Intelligencer* and *New Amsterdam Gazette*, and to furnish the Rev. L. Dykstra with a certified copy of the same.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be and hereby is authorized to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the current expenses of the Northwestern Academy, for the ensuing year, provided their funds will permit.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education be requested to co-operate with the financial agents appointed for the different educational institutions of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. VAN DEVENTER, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM D. PERRY,

JAS. F. ZWEMER.

F. VAN DRIELE.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a Standing Committee be appointed, to be designated as a Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechetical Instruction, and that the several Classes be requested to organize like committees to act with this committee of Synod.

The following were appointed : Revs. Wm. H. Ford, Cornelius Brett, Alan D. Campbell ; Elders, Albro J. Newton and J. Townsend Lansing.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board .

Rev. John Gaston, D.D.

Elder Edo Kipp,

“ U. D. Gulick,

“ Walter Brett,

“ I. P. Brokaw,

“ John Lefferts,

“ E. B. Coe, D.D.

“ H. Camerden, Jr.

“ E. A. Collier D.D.,

“ Lewis Applegate,

in place of

in place of

Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., Elder Johnson Letson,

(Resigned).

(Deceased).

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Council of Hope College was received and referred to the Committee on Educational Interests in the Particular Synod of Chicago.

Nineteenth Annual Report of the Council of Hope College, at Holland, Michigan. Adopted, May 1, 1885.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Council of Hope College respectfully presents its Nineteenth Annual Report to General Synod, as follows :

I.—COUNCIL.

Besides the regular meetings in June, 1884, and in April, 1885, special meetings were necessarily held, August 5th and December 3d, 1884. At the regular meeting in June, 1884, the Revs. N. M. Steffens, D.D., J. W. Beardslee, D.D., and P. Moerdyke were re-elected respectively as President, Vice President and Secretary. Subsequently, however, Rev. Dr. Steffens, on taking the chair of Theology, resigned his office in the Council, when Rev. P. Lepeltak was elected President in his place; and the vacancy in the Vice Presidency of Council, caused by the removal of Rev. Dr. Beardslee, was filled by the election of Rev. Wm. Moerdyk.

II.—COLLEGE.

1.—PRESIDENT AND PROFESSORS:

Having been disappointed in securing a permanent President for the College, by the declinature of Rev. J. A. De Baun, D.D., whose election to that position by Council, May 27th, 1884, was confirmed by General Synod in June following, Council again elected Prof. Charles Scott, D.D., provisional President, and he has acted in that capacity during the year.

At the regular meeting in April, 1885, Prof. C. Scott, D.D., was elected President of Hope College, subject to confirmation by General Synod.

Prof. T. Romeyn Beck has resigned the chair of Greek and Latin Languages and Literature, to take effect July 1st, 1885; and the resignation has been accepted.

Since September last, Mr. Philip Phelps, A.B., has acted,

by appointment, as Tutor in the Grammar School, and Professor G. C. Shepard, as teacher of vocal music.

2.—STUDENTS.

The following is the number of students that have attended the instruction of the College since April, 1884 :

In the Academic Department, 33 ; in the Preparatory Department, 116 ; these, together with 20 students that have been under instruction during part of the year, makes a total of 169. This number is considerably larger than at any time previous.

Diligence in study, and good moral deportment, have characterized the students on the whole.

In the Preparatory Department some special exercise of discipline was necessary, and is believed to have resulted in good.

At the Commencement, in June, 1884, the degree of A.B. was conferred upon the graduating Class, viz : Simon Hogenboom and Gerrit Henry Hospers.

The examinations of the undergraduates in the Academic Department, and of the students of the Preparatory Department, were highly satisfactory.

III.—DE HOPE.

In the June meeting of 1884, Rev. J. H. Karsten was elected Editor of "De Hope," and entered upon his work July 1st, 1884, when the contract with Professors Doesburg and Kollen expired. The paper was transferred back to Council in good order, without any debt for current expenses, and with a steam engine in the office for running the press.

IV.—LIBRARY.

The following additions have been made to the Library : Bound books, 128 ; Pamphlets, *i. e.*, Sermons, etc., 63 ; School Catalogues, etc., 114 ; Monthlies and Weeklies, 600 ; Quarterlies, 67. But few books have been purchased, because of the crowded condition of the Library rooms.

The thanks of Council are due to Revs. J. S. Joralmon, J. W. Beardslee, N. D. Williamson, Hon. J. Houseman, and S. B. Schieffelin, Esq., and the *Christian Intelligencer*, for donations. The most marked donation of the year is a com-

plete file of the *Christian Intelligencer*, from 1838 to the present time, by Mr. Joseph B. Lockwood, of New York City. This is not counted above.

V.—TREASURY.

The condition of the Treasury is as follows :

1.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, April, 1884.....	\$272 14
Interest from Board of Direction.....	1,930 68
“ “ Permanent Fund.....	1,308 28
“ “ Ebenezer Fund.....	920
“ “ Alumni Fund.....	89 50
Students' Fees.....	1,884 75
Appropriations from Board of Education.....	2,133 33
Donations from Churches.....	634 30
“ “ Individuals.....	93 42
Rents from Real Estate.....	157 45
Miscellaneous.....	36 58
Total.....	<hr/> \$9,460 43

EXPENSES.

Salaries of Professors and Teachers.....	\$6,811 71
Salary of Janitor.....	275
Expenses of Council.....	183 91
“ “ the Treasury.....	128 90
Fuel and Light.....	102
School Requisites.....	4 50
“ Furniture.....	66 80
Printing.....	142 90
Building and Grounds.....	823 50
Taxes, (Including that of the Streets).....	590 47
Interest to Board of Benevolence.....	70
Commencement Expenses.....	2 72
To former Treasurer, to correct error.....	21 50
Transferred to Library Fund, by order of Council.	60
Sundries.....	92 38
Balance, April, 1885.....	84 14
Total.....	<hr/> \$9,460 43

2.—PERMANENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, April, 1884.....	\$78 94
Sale of land to Holland City.....	410 67
Loans paid in.....	580
Donations as follows :	
1st Church, Grand Rapids.....	81
“ Grand Haven.....	17 82
From Alumni.....	80
Total.....	<hr/> \$1,248 43

EXPENSES.

Paid to the Investment Committee, and loaned on	
Mortgage.....	\$1,170
Interest on Temporary Loan.....	2 50
Balance on hand.....	75 93
Total.....	<hr/> \$1,248 43

3.—MRS. DR. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIPS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April, 1884.....	\$72
Interest on 1st Scholarship.....	70
“ 2d “	7
Total.....	<hr/> \$149

EXPENSES.

Invested on 2d Scholarship.....	\$70
Balance on hand.....	79
Total.....	<hr/> \$149

The 2d Scholarship is now \$170, to which will be added \$75 of above balance.

4.—LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, April, 1884.....	\$100 94
Interest from Library Fund.....	30
Donation from Albert Huizinga.....	10
“ “ S. B. Schieffelin.....	4 50
From Estate of Rev. H. G. Klyn, transferred from Contingent Fund, by order of Council.	60
Total.....	<hr/> \$205 44

EXPENSES.

Invested for the Library.....	\$60
To Rev. J. W. Beardslee, bill of books purchased.	9 10
Binding of “De Hope” (15 vols.) and Expenses.	15 65
To Prof. C. Scott, books and papers purchased..	17 05
Freight and Expressage	6 50
Balance on hand.....	97 14
Total.....	<hr/> \$205 44

5.—CASH BALANCE.

Balance of Contingent Fund.....	\$84 14
“ Permanent Fund.....	75 93
“ Library Fund.....	97 14
“ Mrs. Dr. Anderson Scholarship	79
Total.....	<hr/> \$336 21

6.—LIABILITIES.

Due to Board of Benevolence	\$1,000
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7.—INVESTMENTS.

Charter Endowment Notes.....	\$9,601
Mrs. Abbe Fund.....	5,000
Mrs. Dr. Anderson Scholarships.....	1,170
Other Mortgages	11,825 20

Virginia Investments.....	\$1,606
Individual Notes	602 50
“De Hope” and Printing Office.....	9,000
On hand for Investment.....	150 93
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Total.....	\$38,955 63
The Board of Direction holds in trust for the	
College.....	32,983 91
Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology.	30,000
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Total.....	\$101,939 54

The Council regrets, that it is obliged to state to General Synod, that there is due to Professors, for salary, \$659.13, making a considerable deficiency in our Contingent Fund, the first deficit that has occurred in years.

In order that General Synod may clearly see the causes of this deficit, it is well to notice that the gross receipts fall short of those of the former year only \$422. While the Board of Education gave us nearly \$400 less, and the donations from churches and individuals were \$1,228 less than for the previous year, there was an increase in our receipts: From interest of Board of Direction, \$300; interest of Ebenezer Fund, \$150; Students' Fees, \$384; making a total of \$834. It is evident, therefore, that our deficit is owing to the necessary increase in the teaching force of the institution, calling for \$500, and a large outlay for taxes in grading streets; and for repairs which were also absolutely necessary.

The Endowment Interest, soon to be received, will nearly restore the balance, and Council trusts that the deficit will not become a debt, indeed is determined that it shall not.

VI.—REMARKS.

The Council has placed on its Minutes fitting mention of the visit of the General Synod to Holland and the College, in June last. It was an occasion of great pleasure to the citizens, and to all connected with the Institution. After the visit the Synod passed a vote of thanks for their reception, and raised subscriptions for a President's House and for an

increase to the Endowment; for all which the Council hereby expresses its most hearty appreciation.

A true copy of the report.

PETER MOERDYKE, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

I.—THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Council respectfully requests General Synod, at its session in 1885, to make a definite statement to said Council, concerning the inter-relations of our Western College and Seminary.

II.—AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution of the College considers the existence of but five Classes in the Particular Synod of Chicago. It gives to the General Synod the election of five members of the Council, and limits the term of office to five years. The addition of the Classis of Iowa to those represented in the Synods, has occasioned the Council to adopt the following amendments to the Constitution, which are hereby submitted for the sanction of the General Synod.

Chapter I. (a.)

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2.—Each Classis of the Particular Synod of Chicago shall appoint two members, (striking out the clause, “at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution.”) The General Synod shall appoint six (instead of “five”) members.

SECTION 4.—Their term of office, except that of the President of the College, shall be six (instead of “five”) years * *

Chapter I. (b.)

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2.—Six (6) by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America; two (2) by each of the Classes belonging to the Particular Synod of Chicago * *

SECTION 3.—The members are severally to hold office for six (6) years, and are to be divided into six (6) parties or sections, so that one-sixth of the whole number * * * *

The Council further proposes that with Synod's sanction, said changes shall have retroactive force, whereby the term of office of the present members of Council shall be extended to six years, which is the easiest way to solve the difficulties connected with the admission of the Classis of Iowa.

III.—SYNODICAL MEMBERS.

The term of Mr. Isaac Cappon, as member of Council, will expire in September next. The seat of Mr. Klaas Brouwer has been declared vacant, because of continued absence. Rev. N. M. Steffens, D.D., has signified his resignation. Mr. Brouwer was elected to serve until 1887, and Dr. Steffens until 1889. If then the amendments above proposed be approved, there will be four vacancies in the Council to be filled by the General Synod.

A true copy.

PETER MOERDYKE, *Secretary*.

Supplemental Note by the President, May 20th, 1885.

All the current expenses, up to May 1st, 1885, including the salaries, have been paid. The "deficit" no longer exists.

For the action of Synod in reference to Hope College, see next Article, Professorate.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Synod having appointed a new standing Committee to whom all matters pertaining to education in the Particular Synod of Chicago are referred, the subjects under this *Lemma* are divided into those pertaining to the Professorate in the East, and those pertaining to the Professorate in the West.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROFESSORATE.

1. Eastern Department.

The Committee presented the following Report which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully report :

The following papers have been submitted for their consideration.

1. The Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, for 1885.

2. The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property.

3. Nominations from various Classes of representatives in the Board of Superintendents.

4. A communication from Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., concerning a fourth year of study, in the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick.

5. A communication from the Rev. Prof. S. M. Woodbridge, concerning the time for the Vedder Lectures.

6. A communication from Elder James Anderson, M.D., concerning elocutionary instruction of students of divinity.

7. Report of the Committee appointed last year on the larger endowment of the Seminary at New Brunswick.

8. Report of the Committee of Arrangements for the Centennial of the Seminary at New Brunswick, held in October of 1884.

1. Report of the Board of Superintendents. From this Report we learn that during the year ending May, 1885, the attendance in the Seminary has been twenty-six. Senior Class, eight; Middle Class, ten; Junior Class, eight; twelve less than last year, the number then reported being thirty-eight. One of these, Dirk Scholten, has been dismissed at his own request to pursue his studies in the Theological Department of Hope College. In addition to these your Committee have learned that five students of divinity are pursuing their studies at Hope College; so that it appears, in both Seminaries—for the Theological Department at Hope College gives us another Theological Seminary—there are only thirty young men in direct training for the ministry, an average increase each year for the next three years of only ten and a fraction, if in the vicissitudes of life they are all permitted to complete their course.

The subject is one that may well engage the earnest and prayerful attention of the Church. We do not need to dwell upon the paramount importance of a trained ministry. The

Reformed Dutch Church has ever emphasized this necessity. We submit the following :

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby urges pastors to keep before the young men of our churches the claims of the ministry ; that they seek in every possible way to make their influence felt in this direction. We call upon parents to consecrate their sons in full surrender to this holy service.

The Board of Superintendents calls the attention of the General Synod to this matter in a resolution requesting "That at an early day such practical measures may be devised for remedying the evil as its best wisdom may dictate."

Your Committee can find no better way to effect this purpose than the resolution just submitted. There is nothing that we can depend upon save the faithfulness of Pastors and Christian parents, for the accomplishment of this great end.

The Board reports "The examinations as upon the whole satisfactory, and all the members of the Senior Class recommended for Professorial certificates." The other matters referred to in the report, namely, "the instruction of the students in elocution" and "the Seminary Centennial volume" are noticed in subsequent parts of this report.

II. The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property presents the same clear and distinct statement that has been its marked characteristic in previous years. Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of the new Professor of Hebrew, by a new lecture room "enclosing a portion of the chapel."

A spirited quickening was experienced in the entire Seminary under the late ministrations of Mr. Moody. "Class meetings for prayer have been maintained with a good degree of regularity and religious interest." The Seminary is in a healthy vigorous condition, ready with its excellent equipment for extended influence and usefulness. We wait to hear from our Christian young men, "Here we are; teach us, and send us forth to preach the Word of the great salvation."

The Report announces the death of Elder John W. Ferdon, for many years an active member of this Committee. "His long and faithful service is fittingly acknowledged."

Your Committee nominate to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Mr. Ferdon, Mr. Garret Winants, of the South Classis of Bergen.

III. Vacancies in the Board of Superintendents for the full term of three years are to be filled for thirteen Classes. Nominations have been received as follows: From the Classes of

<i>Holland</i>	Rev. P. Lepeltak.
<i>Iowa</i>	Rev. J. K. Warnshuis.
<i>North Long Island</i>	Rev. Lewis Francis.
<i>Montgomery</i>	Rev. R. H. Pearse.
<i>Passaic</i>	Rev. H. E. Nies.
<i>Rensselaer</i>	Rev. Theodore S. Brown.
<i>Saratoga</i>	Rev. J. W. Beardslee.
<i>Schoharie</i>	Rev. J. Howard Van Doren.

Your Committee, according to rule, nominate for Classes that have made no nomination, as follows:

<i>Cayuga</i>	Rev. C. O. Thatcher.
<i>Hudson</i>	Rev. Wm. D. Perry.
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Rev. Andrew Wormser.
<i>Greene</i>	Rev. G. J. Van-Nest.

For Elders at Large we nominate:

From the Particular Synod of New York, Henry Camerden, Jr.; Particular Synod, New Brunswick, Lawrence Vanderveer; renominated. In place of Johnson Letson, deceased, Garret Van Nostrand.

In regard to the representation of the Classis of Arcot in the Board of Superintendents, we recommend:

Whereas, The Classis of Arcot cannot be generally represented in the Board of Superintendents at New Brunswick according to the regulations constituting that Board,

Resolved, That the oldest minister from that Classis, who may happen to be in this country, be considered the representative of said Classis in said Board.

IV Fourth year of study in the Seminary at New Brunswick.

A communication from Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., Chairman of the Committee to arrange a fourth year of study in the Seminary with a view to the establishment of a post graduate course, has been placed in the hands of the Committee. Dr. Chambers states that having investigated the subject,

and having examined into the methods of other institutions in regard to a fourth year of study, "He found himself unable to digest any plan to be submitted to his Committee, and hence omitted to call the members of it together. If he has erred he prays the indulgence of the Synod. And if a prescribed course for the fourth year's study is still deemed desirable," he respectfully suggests, "that a new Chairman be appointed, and another Elder, to take the place made vacant by the death of Mr. F. T. Frelinghuysen."

In regard to the whole matter your Committee submit the following :

Resolved, That the question of providing a fourth year of study in the Seminary at New Brunswick, with a view to the establishment of a post graduate course, be referred to the "Theological Faculty," with power to arrange such a fourth year of study, and report the same to the next General Synod, together with such views concerning it as they may see fit to submit.

V. A communication from the Rev. Prof. S. M. Woodbridge states, that in obedience to the direction of the last General Synod, "He has conferred with President Gates, of Rutgers College, and with Dr. Campbell, Vedder Lecturer." As the result of such conference, he suggests the month of February as the most fitting time for the delivery of the Vedder Lectures.

Resolved, that the time for the delivery of the Vedder Lectures be fixed by the Faculties of the Theological Seminary and of Rutgers College.

VI. A communication from James Anderson, M.D., of New York city, sets forth the great necessity of training in elocution to those preparing to preach the Gospel.

Dr. Anderson "proposes to donate to the General Synod the sum of \$400, collected, and given for the purpose of affording to the students in the Seminary instruction in elocution, as the first contribution toward a principal fund of \$5,000, the interest of which is to be paid by the Treasurer of the Board of Direction, on the order of the Dean of the Seminary, for the time being, in compensation to any competent instructor in elocution employed by the Faculty, for the instruction of the students." He requests

the Synod to appoint the following Committee : Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, Rev. W. E. Griffis, and Rev. W. H. DeHart, or such other persons as Synod may see fit to designate, to solicit contributions for the purpose of such instruction, to the amount of \$5,000. He also asks that Synod provide for the collection, as soon as may be, of a second \$5,000, for the increase of such instruction, and in due time for a third \$5,000, for still further increase of such instruction.

Resolved, That the Synod accept the above named sum of \$400 dollars, as the nucleus of such fund, and that Revs. A. V. V. Raymond, W. E. Griffis and W. H. DeHart be and hereby are appointed a Committee to solicit contributions for this purpose.

Resolved, That the General Synod assures Dr. Anderson that his deep interest in this matter is highly appreciated ; that there is full agreement with him on the part of ministers, Theological Professors, and all concerned, as to the great importance of such instruction.

VII. The Report of a Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1884 on the larger endowment of the Seminary at New Brunswick, Rev. Giles H. Mandeville, D.D., Chairman, has been submitted to us. From this report it appears that though considering various plans, and making effort in various directions, the Committee have not been able to accomplish their purpose. The Committee on the Professorate of 1884 presented this matter forcibly to General Synod. In fact each year we are confronted with the question, How shall we secure adequate compensation for all our Theological Professors, and equalize the salaries paid the occupants of the respective chairs?

It appears from examination that if the sum total of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is secured, this result will be reached. We are fully persuaded that this sum ought to be raised. Justice to moral, if not to legal, obligation demands that it be *done*. Therefore, it *must* be done. How *shall* it be done?

We do not believe that it will be done by a committee, the members of which are by necessity burdened with other cares. It can only be accomplished by *one* who is able to give his whole time to the work, and who withal shall have aptitude for such undertakings. A clear understanding of this whole

subject may be gained by reference to page 405 of the Memorial Centennial Volume, where there is a full statement of our Seminary Endowment, and of the amount credited to each Professorship. It will be seen that the above mentioned sum of fifty thousand will enable us to do all that is desired.

It is said the times are not propitious for such a work. We are fully persuaded that the propitious time to raise money from Christian men and women is when God indicates by His Providence that it is needed for His Church and the work of Christ in the world. *Now* is always God's time of demand upon us; *now* is our time of opportunity and we withhold at our peril. Shall we not say to the Church, This act of justice shall be done now. We submit the following:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by the Synod of 1884 on the enlargement of the Seminary Endowment, be, and hereby are, discharged, as they have themselves requested through their Chairman.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be hereby empowered and directed to employ a financial agent, upon such terms of compensation as shall be agreed upon, whose work it shall be to secure, for the enlargement of our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick Endowment, the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby most earnestly and affectionately calls the attention of our people to the needs of our Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the various Consistories and Classes are hereby directed to afford such agent, when he shall be duly appointed, every possible facility, and to render all the aid in their power for the accomplishment of this end.

THE SEMINARY CENTENNIAL.

VIII. Your Committee has had referred to them a report of the Committee on the Centennial of the Seminary, which was held in October, 1884; also a *statement* by the committee appointed at the Centennial to publish the proceedings of that event. This Publishing Committee has presented to the Synod a copy of the volume which they have issued, and which has been referred to us. Finally, the Board of Superintendents makes a suggestion in their report in regard to this volume.

The General Synod is to be congratulated that its Theological Seminary at New Brunswick has been the first in the land to celebrate a Centennial. The meeting was a great success. The letters from other similar institutions, and the speeches of delegates of various denominations, all express the kindest feeling, and give a remarkable exhibition of the unity of the Church of Christ. The report of the committee which had charge of the exercises, is very satisfactory. As to the volume, which is a monument of the celebration, we can only say that it is far more elaborate than was expected. It is made complete in every respect essential to such a volume. Besides a full table of contents and an elaborate index, with an account of the proceedings, and the papers, speeches and letters incident to the occasion, the appendix is a store-house of original documents pertaining to the early history of education, literary and theological, in New York and New Jersey. We ascertain upon inquiry that the edition (1,250 copies) cost about \$2,000. Of this, after only six weeks, about \$1,500 have been paid off by the committee. The committee felt it their duty to present complimentary copies to the speakers and writers of the occasion, to editors, as is usual in such cases, and to the libraries of neighboring theological institutions. These amount to about 100 copies. The Board of Superintendents suggest that the General Synod assume the expense, at cost, of these complimentary copies, amounting to \$200. This would leave a deficit of only \$300, for which the committee would yet remain responsible. We think it would be only an act of justice, if this committee, after their laborious work, could be entirely relieved of further pecuniary responsibility in this matter.

Resolved, That the General Synod thank the Publishing Committee for their labors in editing the Seminary Centennial volume.

Resolved, That the General Synod assume the expense of these one hundred complimentary copies, amounting to about two hundred dollars; and that this sum be included in the expenses of the Centennial celebration.

Resolved, That the General Synod direct the Board of Publication (if its funds allow) to purchase so much of the balance of the edition of the Publishing Committee, as shall relieve them of pecuniary responsibility in the matter

On pages 463 and 480 of the book, we find certain suggestions worthy the attention of the General Synod. In accordance therewith, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Theological Faculty be directed to have prepared a Matriculation Book, and to begin the second century of the Seminary by signatures therein.

Resolved, That the Faculty are requested to unify the plan of the school, making such additional suggestions as they may deem needful, in accord with the plan unfolded on page 463 of the Centennial volume, and report the same to the next General Synod.

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman*.

Submitted, Syracuse, June 9th, 1885.

CENTENNIAL OF THE SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Centennial presented the following Report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To the General Synod:

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Centennial of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick to be celebrated on the 28th and 29th of October, 1884, respectfully report that the programme, as approved by the Synod in June last, was carried out in every particular. The celebration included five sessions, four of which were held in the First Church, and one in the Second.

At the First Session Rev. David Cole, D.D., the President of the General Synod, presided, and responded to an address of welcome by the pastor, Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D.D.; prayer was offered by Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D., and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. John T. Demarest, D.D. At the Second Session Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., presided, Rev. Francis M. Kip, D.D., offered prayer, and Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., pronounced the benediction. At the Third Session Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., LL.D., presided; prayer was offered by Rev. William Brush, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D. This session was followed by a collation. Rev. Joachim

Elmendorf, D.D., presided at the Fourth Session, Rev. Elbert Nevius offered prayer, and Rev. George R. Ferguson, of South Africa, gave the benediction. At the Fifth and last Session, Rev. Abm. R. Van Nest, D.D., presided; Rev. Cornelius Brett offered prayer at the opening, and the closing prayer was by Rev. Prof. John G. Lansing. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D.D.

The addresses, according to previous appointment, were as follows: On Historical Theology, by Rev. Prof. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., Dean of the Seminary; on The History of the Theological Seminary, by Rev. Prof. David D. Demarest, D.D.; on The Relation of the Seminary and Rutgers College to each other, by Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D., LL.D.; on The Influence of the Seminary upon the Denominational Life of the Church, by Rev. William J. R. Taylor, D.D.; on Theological Instruction at the West, by Rev. Cornelius E. Crispell, D.D.; on the Ministry of the Past and of the Future, by Rev. Francis N. Zabriskie, D.D., and a closing address by Rev. Abm. R. Van Nest, D.D.

Congratulatory addresses were also delivered by Merrill E. Gates, LL.D., President of Rutgers College; Prof. T. Sandford Doolittle, D.D., representing the Faculty; Prof. Charles Scott, D.D., representing Hope College, and by A. V. W. Van Vechten, Esq., representing the Collegiate Church.

The salutations of nine of the principal Theological Seminaries, embracing several denominations, were presented in person by distinguished professors, delegates from these institutions, and of as many others by fraternal letters. Congratulatory epistles were also received from the Theological Faculties of Utrecht, Kampen, and the Free University of Amsterdam, in Holland, and from the venerable Prof. Nicholas Beets, of Utrecht. Letters of regret were received from many graduates, and other friends of the Seminary, distinguished in public, as well as honored in private life, including the Governor of New Jersey. Two poems were also contributed for the occasion; one by Mrs. Merrill E. Gates, and the other by Rev. Denis Wortman, D.D.

The meetings were all largely attended, and a deep interest was manifested in the services. At the close a committee was appointed to publish the proceedings, including addresses and other matter of historical value. This has been done,

and to that volume, a Centennial Memorial, the members of the Synod are referred for a complete record of the celebration. The expenses attending the Centennial have been paid by the Treasurer of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Chairman*.
J. HOWARD SUYDAM,
D. N. VANDERVEER.

The following paper was received from the Committee appointed at the Centennial to publish a volume containing an account of its proceedings, together with the addresses and other matters, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the Rev. General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The undersigned Committee respectfully present to your Reverend Body, a copy of the volume entitled "Centennial of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, formerly Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, 1784-1884."

The one hundredth anniversary of the election of Rev. John H. Livingston, D.D., as Professor of Sacred Theology, and of Rev. Hermanus Meyer, D.D., as Instructor in the Sacred Languages, was celebrated at New Brunswick, Oct. 28th and 29th, 1884, in accordance with arrangements made by a committee of your Reverend Body.

At the close of the services we were charged by the Alumni, and the many friends of the institution present, with the task of editing and publishing a memorial volume which should contain :

1. A full account of the proceedings.
2. The history of the Seminary, with an appendix to embrace original documents, letters, additional historical notes, and references to sources of authority.
3. The several addresses and speeches made on the occasion.
4. A Centennial catalogue of the Seminary, but without

details concerning the graduates, as these may be found elsewhere.

We have performed this task to the best of our ability, stimulated by loyalty and love to our venerable alma mater, The labor, the arduous nature of which few will appreciate, has been pleasant to us, because it was truly a labor of love. We dare to hope that the volume which we have the honor of presenting to you will be accepted, not merely as a grateful memorial of an interesting and unique occasion, but as a historical work, whose value will increase with every successive year.

We are, your servants in the Lord

DAVID D. DEMAREST,
PAUL D. VAN CLEEF,
EDWARD T. CORWIN.

NEW BRUNSWICK. May 29th, 1885.

The Committee also presented to the Synod a handsomely bound copy of the Centennial Memorial volume whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod gratefully accept the Centennial Memorial of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and return their hearty thanks to the Committee for their labor of love in its preparation, and that the volume be referred to the Committee on the Professorate for further action.

VEDDER LECTURE.

The following communication in reference to the designation of a new time for the delivery of the lectures was received from Prof. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., Dean of the Seminary, who with the President of Rutgers College, and the lecturer for the year, had been requested by the Synod of last year to designate such time.

To the President of the General Synod of the Reformed Church :

The undersigned was appointed by the last General Synod to confer with the President of Rutgers College, Dr. M. E. Gates,

and the Vedder Lecturer, Dr. Wm. H. Campbell, upon the matter of arrangement of the time for the delivery of the lectures. The conference was held, and it was decided that the month of February would be the most convenient season of the year for both the Seminary and College, the special dates for the delivery of the lectures to be determined by the lecturer.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. WOODBRIDGE.

NEW BRUNSWICK, May 20, 1885.

ELECTION OF A LECTURER.

On the second day of the session a nominating ballot was had, and on the succeeding day, after balloting according to the rule, the Rev. John H. Oerter, D.D., was duly elected Vedder Lecturer for 1887. A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Oerter accepting his appointment.

2.—WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Committee on the Professorate for the Western Department presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted; the name of Rev. W. J. R. Taylor having been inserted by order of the Synod, in place of the one proposed by the Committee for member of the Council of Hope College.

The Committee on the Professorate, Western Department, respectfully report :

HOPE COLLEGE.

The Annual Report of the Council states that the total number of students under instruction during the past year was 169; of whom, 33 were in the Academic Department, 116 in the Preparatory Department, and 20 who attended but part of the year. This number is 21 more than were in attendance the previous year, and larger than at any former period. The Graduating Class of 1884, consisted of only two students.

The studies and examinations and conduct of the undergraduates have been satisfactory.

The Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, D.D., has resigned his Chair of Greek and Latin Languages, and the Council has accepted his resignation, to take effect July 1, 1885.

The Rev. Dr. J. A. DeBaun having declined the Presidency of the Institution, the Council have elected the Rev. Prof. Charles Scott, D.D., President of Hope College, and your Committee recommend that this election be now and hereby confirmed by this General Synod.

The Rev. J. H. Karsten has been elected editor of "De Hope," and has discharged the duties of that office since July 1, 1884.

The Library has received valuable additions of books and pamphlets, and periodicals; and we commend this indispensable department to the liberality of the friends of the College.

The Treasury reports a deficiency of \$659.13, which is due to Professors for salaries. This is owing to the increase of the teaching force, to the diminished appropriation of the Board of Education, and to a large outlay for city taxes, and for necessary repairs. But the Council state that the Endowment interest will nearly restore the balance, and that it is determined that this deficit shall not become a debt. Yet while thus endeavoring to meet current expenses, the progress and prosperity of the institution demand ample endowment for the increase of its scanty salaries and for contingent costs. We therefore recommend Hope College to the continued and increasing liberality of its friends and helpers.

For details of the Treasury accounts we refer to the Report of the Council which is clearly stated and satisfactory.

The visit of the General Synod of 1884, to the College is the subject of special congratulations in the report of the Council.

In consequence of the addition of the Classis of Iowa to the Particular Synod of Chicago, the Council requests this Synod to make the following

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Chapter 1. (a).

ARTICLE I. SECTION 2.—Each Classis of the Particular Synod of Chicago shall appoint two members, (striking out

the clause, "at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution.") The General Synod shall appoint six (instead of "five") members.

SECTION 4.—Their term of office, except that of the President of the College, shall be six (instead of "five") years. * *

Chapter 1, (b).

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2.—Six (6) by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America; two (2) by each of the Classes belonging to the Particular Synod of Chicago. * * *

SECTION 3.—The members are severally to hold office for six (6) years, and are to be divided into six (6) parties or sections, so that one-sixth of the whole number shall be annually appointed.

The Council further proposes that with Synod's sanction said changes shall have retro-active force, whereby the term of office of the present members of Council shall be extended to six years.

Your Committee recommend that the sanction of the General Synod be and hereby is given to these amendments.

The resignation of the Rev. Dr. Steffens, and the adoption of these amendments makes four vacancies to be filled in the list of Synodical members of the Council. The following nominations are therefore submitted.

For the unexpired term of Rev. N. M. Steffens, D.D., which extends to 1889, the Rev. James F. Zwemer.

For the unexpired term of Mr. Klaas Brouwer, ending in 1887, Rev. W. J. R. Taylor.

The term of Mr. Isaac Cappon, will expire in September, 1885, and we recommend his re-appointment for the full term of six years from that date.

For the fourth Synodical member, we propose Mr. Arend Visscher.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

In pursuance of the arrangements of the last General Synod, the requisite Endowment Fund of \$30,000 having been secured, the Rev. Nicholas M. Steffens, D.D., was inaugurated as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, on the fourth day of December, 1884. The

Rev. Charles Scott, D.D., presided and preached the sermon. The charge to the Professor was delivered by the Rev. S. Bolks, of Orange City, Iowa. The inaugural address of Professor Steffens was followed by a special address by the Rev. N. H. Dosker, of Kalamazoo, Michigan. The services were attended by a large assembly of interested friends, who rejoiced together in the restoration of the Theological Department. Professor Steffens entered immediately upon the duties of his office, and the report of his work is included in the Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents.

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

This Board was organized in December, 1884, by direction of the General Synod. It reports five students under instruction during the year, one in the Middle Class, and four in the Junior Class. Their diligence and fidelity in study and conduct are commended by the Board, and having passed a satisfactory examination at the close of the term, they were advanced to the next higher classes. The course of studies pursued by the Middle and Junior Classes, which is fully reported by the Board, indicates careful and thorough work by the professor and students.

The last General Synod authorized the nomination of a Lector by the Professor of Theology, and his election by the Council, provided the sum of \$700 were raised in advance, for salary. This amount was pledged, and a Lector was chosen, but he declined the office. Thereupon, the Rev. Peter Moerdyke and the Rev. Henry E. Dosker were appointed by the Council as temporary assistants of Professor Steffens, and they have rendered acceptable services in the departments of New Testament, Greek, Archæology, and Church History. The money raised for salary of a Lector, has been divided between them.

Your Committee propose the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and hereby are expressed to the Rev. Peter Moerdyke and the Rev. Henry E. Dosker, for their very acceptable services as assistants to the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology during the past Seminary year, of the Theological Department at Hope College.

In compliance with the request of the Board of Superintendents, the following arrangement of the calender of the Seminary year is recommended for the approval of Synod.

The year shall begin on the first Wednesday in September, and close on the last Thursday in April of each year, with a vacation of two weeks at the holiday season, the date of which shall be fixed by the Board of Superintendents.

Your Committee have carefully considered the communications of Professors Scott and Beck requesting Synod to correct the error into which, according to their judgment, the Synod of 1884 was led, in consequence of overlooking the history of the Lectorship to which they were appointed for temporary periods by the General Synods of 1867, 1869 and 1870, and finally by the Synod of 1875, without limitation of time. Under these successive appointments these Lectors served the Church in the Theological Department at Hope College, until its suspension in 1877. They also claim that the restoration of the Theological Department in 1884 properly included their Lectorships with it, and that inasmuch as they had neither resigned, nor were removed by any legal authority, they are still entitled to said offices, until constitutionally relieved of the same. Upon these grounds, Professors Scott and Beck have now sent their resignations of their respective Lectorships to this General Synod, so that it may be free to make new arrangements.

Recognizing the historical continuity of these Lectorships, and consequently the rightful position of these incumbents, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the resignations of the Lectorships hitherto held by Professors Scott and Beck in the Theological Department of Hope College, be and hereby are accepted.

2. *Resolved*, That this General Synod tender to these brethren, in the name of the Reformed Church in America, its high appreciation of their arduous and self-denying services, rendered with no adequate pecuniary compensation, throughout the eleven years of their incumbency in their several chairs of instruction in the Theological Department.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod, while officially terminating this relation at their own request, also assures Professors Scott and Beck of its prayerful desires for their continued usefulness to the Church and its Institutions, which have been so highly honored by their devoted labors.

The Board of Superintendents, and the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, in view of his inability to perform all the duties of instruction in the various departments of study, and also in view of the undersirableness of temporary Lectorships, urgently request this General Synod to establish at once a second Professorship, to be known as the Professorship of Biblical Languages and Exegesis.

The principal, if not the only serious objection to this proposal is the lack of a Fund for the pecuniary foundation of such new chair.

But as the salary of a Professor will be but little more than that of a Lector, and considering the greater benefit to the Institution, and the value to the Church at large of a permanent Professorship, and the stimulus to study and consecration to the work of one who has the dignity, the authority and the advantages of a permanent chair, together with the absolute necessity of the additional teaching force in the revived department, your Committee recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod proceed at this session to elect a Professor of Biblical Languages and Exegesis, who shall not be inaugurated until suitable provision shall be made for his support.

2. *Resolved*, That for the temporary support of said Professor, and until a permanent endowment of this chair shall be secured, this Synod recommend that the sum of at least five hundred dollars per year be raised by subscriptions or otherwise in the churches within the Particular Synod of Chicago, and that the sum of not more than five hundred dollars per year be appropriated by the Board of Education.

3. *Resolved*, That immediate efforts be made to secure a permanent fund, the income of which shall be sufficient for the maintenance of this Professorship. The monies so raised shall be paid over to the Board of Direction, and safely invested by it for that object alone.

The Council of Hope College requests General Synod, at its present session, "to make a definite statement to said Council concerning the inter-relations of its Western College and Seminary."

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following deliverance on this subject:

The Theological Department at Hope College was restored by the General Synod of 1884 as a department of said College, "subject only to the General Synod." And "the Council of Hope College in a separate capacity, and under a separate organization, was" instructed to "act as a Board of Superintendents, after the plan and order of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick." (Minutes 1884, pp. 529, 530.)

Thus, essentially, the Theological Department of Hope College is a separate institution, located at Hope College, having its own autonomy, taught by its own professors, and sustained by its own funds, and not in any way under the government and discipline of the corporation known as the Council of Hope College. It is the creature of the General Synod, representing the entire Reformed Church in America. At the same time, as a sister institution, and being the outgrowth of Hope College, this Theological Seminary is designed and expected to live and work in harmony with Hope College in the historic line of that far-reaching system of religious education which the founders planned, and which the Reformed Church in America has fostered hitherto.

But in view of the increase of its professorial chairs and the expected development of the Theological Department, and to avoid entangling alliances in the future, and to place it upon a strong foundation, your Committee, after mature consideration, recommend the following action.

1. *Resolved*, That the Theological Department at Hope College be hereafter placed under the government and control of a separate Board of Superintendents, to be constituted as follows, viz :

One minister from each of the Classes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, and seven representatives of the Church at large ; four of whom shall be selected from the Particular Synod of Chicago, and three representatives of the General Synod, to be chosen one from each of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and New Brunswick.

2. *Resolved*, That the President of Hope College shall also be a member of this Board of Superintendents, *ex-officio*.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Department at Hope College, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as those of the Board of

Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

4. *Resolved*, That until this Board shall be duly organized, by the next General Synod, the authority conferred on the members of the Council of Hope College by the Synod of 1884, to act as the Board, be continued.

5. *Resolved*, That Prof. G. J. Kollen be and hereby is appointed Synod's Agent, for the purpose of securing funds for the support of the new Theological Chair, and for contingent expenses of the Department, and that Synod also recommend the Council of Hope College to engage Prof. Kollen for similar service to that institution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman*,
GEORGE D. HULST,
WM. MOERDYK,
G. J. KOLLEN,
E. VAN DRIELE.

We also unanimously recommend to the General Synod the following resolution:

Resolved, That the corporate style and title of the Theological Department at Hope College, be and hereby is changed, so that it shall hereafter be known as "The Western Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America."

Upon the resolutions referred to this Committee, respecting the professorial services of the President of Hope College, we report that it is inexpedient for the Synod to take any action.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Department of Hope College would present the following Annual Report to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

As this is our first report to your honorable body since the resumption of theological instruction in December, 1884, we cherish grateful feelings for the marked success which has attended the first year of our renewed existence.

The organization of our Board was effected by the election of the following officers: Rev. P. Lepeltak, President; Rev. Wm. Moerdyk, Vice President; Rev. P. Moerdyke, Stated Clerk.

The instructions given by General Synod, and found on p. 529 of its Minutes of 1884, were complied with.

We present with satisfaction the full statement of Rev N. M. Steffens, D.D., Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, so far as that relates to the instruction given and the progress made.

The Professor's statement is as follows:

"It is with profound gratitude to God that I present to you my first Annual Report, as General Synod's Professor in Didactic and Polemic Theology.

"A beginning has been made in earnest theological instruction; the desire of our people has been reopened, and God has blessed our first endeavors in teaching. We cannot make a grand display, but we are not without facts that are cheering and encouraging.

"The following students have been in constant attendance during the past year.

"Middle Class—Dirk Scholten.

"Junior Class—Peter Shoman, Simon Hogeboom, Gerliard De Jonge, Gerrit Hospers.

"This number is not large, but, considering everything, as large as could reasonably be expected.

"These young men have been very industrious, applying themselves with true devotion to their studies.

"Although they vary in natural gifts, knowledge and skill, they have all made marked progress in those branches of Theology in which they have been instructed. Their Christian conduct has been all that could be desired, and they have always remembered that they are preparing themselves for a very important work. Their studies have been prosecuted in accordance with the plans agreed upon by your venerable

body (Council of Hope College), at your session on the 3d of December, 1884.

“ They are as follows :

“ I. EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.

“ Middle and Junior Classes:

“ Hebrew, Elementary Grammar, Rudiments of Etymology and Syntaxis, Exegesis of Genesis, chs. 1-6.

“ Middle and Junior Classes :

“ Greek, Hermeneutics and Exegesis of Luke, chs. 1-10.

“ Junior Class :

“ Sacred Geography and Antiquities.

“ II. HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.

“ Junior Class :

“ Sacred History from the Creation to the Babylonian Exile.

“ Middle Class :

“ Ecclesiastical History, Biblical Criticism, Isagogics and Textual Criticism of the New Testament.

“ III. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

“ Middle Class :

“ Introduction and Theology proper.

“ IV. PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

“ Junior and Middle Classes :

“ The Requirements of the Ministry of the Gospel, Homiletics, Parts I and II, Materials of Preaching, Arrangement of a Sermon, Homiletical Exercises, Preaching, Extemporizing and Criticism of Sketches.

“ It would have been an impossibility to give adequate instruction in all these branches, if I had not enjoyed the very efficient help of my esteemed brethren and friends, Revs. P. Moerdyke and H. E. Dosker, who have done very excellent work in the departments assigned to them.”

The examination of the students, whose names are given above, was well sustained, and the young men were promoted to the higher classes.

Your Board would join with the Council of the College in asking General Synod to definitely state the exact relationship of Hope College and Hope Seminary to one another.

Your Board would ask General Synod to arrange our Seminary year, and would suggest the following calendar: The year to commence the first Wednesday of September. Holiday vacation of two weeks. Closing, with public exercises, the last Thursday of April.

In view of the inability of our Professor to impart sufficient or satisfactory instruction to the students now in attendance, and in view of the undesirableness of temporary Lecturerships, your Board would respectfully, yet urgently overture the General Synod to establish at once a second Professorship, to be known as the Professorship of Biblical Language and Exegesis.

We would also call the attention of Synod to the need of making provision for the contingent expenses of Hope Seminary and its Board of Superintendents, including the salary of the Stated Clerk thereof.

A true copy of the report,

PETER MOERDYKE,

Stated Clerk.

ELECTION OF A PROFESSOR IN THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Synod having determined to elect a Professor to fill the Chair of Biblical Languages and Exegesis, a nominating ballot was had on the seventh day of the session, and an election ordered for the following day, at eleven o'clock, A. M. At the time appointed, after special prayer, the Synod proceeded to the election. On counting the votes on the first ballot it appeared that the Rev. Daniel Van Pelt was elected. On motion the election was made unanimous.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Rev. Daniel Van Pelt has been unanimously elected Professor of Biblical Languages and Exegesis in the Western Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, located at Holland, Mich.

Resolved, That a Professorial call in the constitutional form be signed in the presence of Synod, by the President thereof, and by him be transmitted to the Professor elect.

Resolved, That a committee of seven, including the President and Vice President, *ex-officio*, be appointed to notify the Professor-elect of his election, and if he shall accept to make arrangements for his inauguration, in accordance with the provisions already made by the Synod for securing his salary.

The following were appointed in addition to the President and Vice President: Revs. W. J. R. Taylor, C. L. Wells and Elders Thomas S. Shepard, S. R. W. Heath and Thomas M. Ward.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor-elect, for the present, shall be \$1,000 per year, from the time of his entrance upon the duties of his chair.

Resolved, That a committee of three Elders, consisting of Garret Van Nostrand, C. C. Van Reypen, and Williamson Rapalje, be appointed to attend to the removal of the Professor-elect to the City of Holland at the expense of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Committee already appointed to confer with Prof. Van Pelt be directed to lay the matter fully before him, and if he shall decline the election, the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary be directed to make provisions for instruction for the present year.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, There exists in our land a wide spread and increasing desecration of the Lord's Day, by means of amusements, excursions, and the secular press, Therefore

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, does most earnestly urge upon its members the importance of aggressive opposition to this tendency.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Fifty-third Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, with the Treasurer's Report, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions was also received, and referred to the same Committee.

The evening of Monday, the sixth day of the session, was appropriated to the consideration of the subject of Foreign Missions. The Report of the Committee was read and accepted, and after singing and prayer, the Corresponding Secretary addressed the Synod. He was followed by Rev. Daniel Rapalje and Rev. Jacob Chamberlain. The report was then adopted and is as follows :

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report :

There have been referred to your Committee the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions and the Report of the Woman's Board.

These Reports open with appreciative notices of the loss which the Boards and the entire Church have suffered in the death of the valuable helpers of precious memory, the Rev. Selah W. Strong, the Hon. Lewis A. Brigham and Mrs. Charlotte W. Duryee.

The results of the year call for devout thankfulness. In almost every field and department there has been progress clearly indicative of the Divine favor. In some instances the work has been prosecuted amid great difficulties, and has met discouragements more or less serious. It is suggested whether the discouragements may not be due, in part at least, to lack of prayer and consecration on the part of the Church at home. When the imperative personal obligation of the Master's great commission is more fully appreciated by each pastor

and the entire Church, and when all will most earnestly pray "Thy Kingdom come," and evince their earnestness by consecrating their children, their means and their energetic endeavors to the hastening of that Kingdom, it will quickly come in all its fullness of blessing. When devoted men and women ask to be sent forth into waiting and even perishing harvest fields, and the Church refuses to send them, not because of inability, but because it will not, it is a serious question whether its prayer that the "*Lord would send forth laborers into His harvest*," has really any meaning.

The Reports of both Boards are in themselves so complete and concise, that no re-statement of their subject matter is necessary. We desire simply to emphasize their valuable suggestions and add such others as commend themselves to our judgment.

The value of Classical Missionary Agents has been increasingly manifest year by year. Their continuance is desirable, and the changes proposed by the Board cannot fail to increase the efficiency of this agency.

While the receipts of the year did not reach the amount fixed as the standard at the last session of Synod, we have reason to be thankful for a considerable increase of contributions. The debt of \$17,000, with which the year began, has been reduced to about \$8,500. This is the more gratifying in view of the facts that the year has been one of great business depression, and that many other Missionary Boards have been compelled to report largely increased indebtedness. We may well be thankful that we are spared the humiliation, if not disloyalty of turning our back in the day of battle, as would have seemed inevitable had there been no considerable diminution of the burden. It is a very serious hindrance to the easy and economical prosecution of our work, that of the whole amount contributed one-fourth part was not received by the Board until the month of April.

The expenditures are constant throughout the year. That nearly one-half of the contributions should be withheld for nine months is a very unwise, as well as expensive method of carrying on our work. To keep a child on the verge of starvation for nine months and to feast it for three does not tend to its robust health. We emphasize the language of the Report, that "it is well worth the consideration of the Synod

and the Church, whether the effort to supply the wants of this work might not be made more easily and be less exhausting to the churches, beside saving the Board from much anxiety and no little expense in interest on loans, if it could be more evenly distributed through the entire year."

The cost for interest last year was \$1,500.

It would go far to meet this irregularity in receipts, and to excite a more general and deeper interest in the work, if every family and every member of our congregations be asked through the use of missionary boxes or otherwise, and in accordance with the spirit of Paul's counsel, (1 Cor., 16: 2), to lay aside weekly their contributions, and bring their offerings to the monthly concert of prayer, or pay them to collectors duly appointed in each congregation, the total amount to be remitted monthly to the Treasurer of the Board. Some such systematic mode of contributions would result in greatly increased receipts, obviate the difficulties that have proved so serious in the past, and tend to enlist all our people in active labor and prayer for the success of the work. Monthly collections in all our churches would undoubtedly fully meet all the wants of our mission work.

The accompanying table exhibits the possible results of such systematic efforts.

Estimating the membership of the Church to consist of 85,000 persons who give or lay aside weekly for Foreign Missions, the sums noted underneath, the total receipts weekly and annually would be as follows, viz :

No. of Members.	Give each Sabbath.	Total One Sabbath.	Total 52 Sabbaths.	Total Each person. 52 Sabbaths.
15,000	One Cent.	\$150	\$7,800	\$0.52
20,000	Two Cents.	400	20,800	1.04
20,000	Three "	600	31,200	1.56
15,000	Five "	750	39,000	2.60
15,000	Ten "	1,500	78,000	5 20
85,000	Totals.	\$3,400	\$176,800	

Average, 85,000—2 08-100 cents.

Total one Sabbath, \$3,400.

Total one month, \$14,733 $\frac{1}{3}$.

Total one quarter, \$44,200.

Total one year, \$176,800.

The marked increase in contributions subsequent to the apportionment among the several Classes, and through them upon the churches, of the amount to be raised, has shown the value of this method and justifies its continuance. It inspired many churches with the desire and stirred them to the endeavor not to fall behind in raising their reasonable and just proportion. Your Committee agree with the Board, that if this method is faithfully carried out, no difficulty need be experienced in attaining, as the limit of expectation for the coming year, the sum proposed at the last session of Synod. For the continuance of the work now in hand, the advance which seems imperatively required and the extinguishment of the remaining indebtedness, \$100,000 will be needed. We are firm in our conviction that if each pastor will but recognise his personal responsibility for the energetic prosecution of this work, his own enthusiasm will awaken that of Christ's people, and this standard can easily be reached and maintained.

Among the aids to the kindling of this enthusiasm, your Committee regard General and District missionary conferences as of great importance. Of equal if not greater value is the observance of the Monthly Concert of Prayer. Experience proves that if wisely conducted this can be made among the most interesting and profitable services of the month. It will surely develop and intensify an intelligent, conscientious earnestness, immeasurably to be preferred to spasmodic enthusiasm. Much assistance can also be gained by the greatly increased circulation of the *Mission Monthly and Sower*, and of the *Mission Gleaner*, the organ of the Woman's Board. It is undoubtedly desirable, as the Board suggest, to have a paper strictly missionary in its character, but your Committee do not regard the establishment of such a paper to be expedient at the present time.

We observe with gladness the manifest signs of progress in the efficiency and success with which the Woman's Board has prosecuted its work during the year. Its prosperity has been unexampled. A larger number of auxiliaries has been organized than in any previous year, making the whole number at present, 173. Its receipts were over \$15,000. The importance of thus reaching the women of our churches and organizing them for effective service cannot be overestimated. Let us help these women. Attention has been called to an obvious

defect in the Synod's statistics in the non-appearance of the entire body of communicants and of native ministers in the the reports from our Amoy and Japan Missions. This has been due no doubt to the want of regular Classical organization, but your Committee think that in some way it should be remedied.

The resolution of Synod at its last session calling for a detailed statement of expenditures has been fully obeyed.

A careful examination of this statement (pp. 101-105), will, we think convince any one of the wisdom and necessity of the appropriations made by the Board, and also of the economy with which the necessary home administration of the work is conducted.

Your Committee regard it as exceedingly important that more time should be given in Synod to the consideration of the interests of Foreign Missions.

As embodying the views presented in the preceding report, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, the first three being the propositions of the Board :

Resolved, I. That each Classis be requested regularly to appoint a Missionary Agent representing the Board within its bounds.

Resolved, II. That these agents be empowered to attend, at their convenience, any meetings of the Board, and participate in its business and discussions by voice and vote ; and that they be specially requested, if practicable, to attend the meeting (in December) at which the appropriations for the succeeding year are usually made, due notice of such meeting being given.

Resolved, III. That in those Classes in which such missionary agents shall not be so appointed, the Board be authorized to invite and appoint such individuals as they may elect, to act in this capacity, and to be entitled to the same privileges as those appointed by the Classes.

Resolved, IV. That the sum of \$100,000, at least be urged upon the Church as the amount to be raised during the current year ; a sum not too great for the ability of the Church if there be the willing mind, and a sum actually needed for the present operation and prospective advance of our Foreign missionary work.

Resolved, V. That the Board be directed to designate at an early date, to the Stated Clerk of each Classis, the proportionate amount that may justly be expected from the Classis for the year, and that the Classes be requested at their first session to distribute this amount among their several churches.

Resolved, VI. That the Board be requested to institute measures for holding a general conference at such time and place as may seem to them expedient; and also, for holding district conferences of the churches of one or more Classes, as generally as may be possible throughout the bounds of the Church.

Resolved, VII. That the Sabbath previous to the General Missionary Conference be recommended to be observed by all our churches as a day of special thanksgiving and prayer to God, with reference to our Mission fields and work.

Resolved, VIII. That where it is not possible to restore the observance of the Sabbath Evening Monthly Concert, as formerly held, it is recommended and earnestly requested that the first Prayer Meeting after the first Sabbath in each month be observed as an occasion of special prayer for the conversion of the world, and for the blessing of God upon the Missionary work.

Resolved, IX. That this Synod endorses the *Mission Monthly and Sower* as a valuable source of information with regard to the facts and incidents of our Foreign work, and strongly urges its increased circulation; and in like manner recommends the *Mission Gleaner*, published by the Woman's Board.

Resolved, X. That this Synod recognizes clearly and cordially the efficient co-operation of the Woman's Board, and of the various societies auxiliary thereto, and does most earnestly urge all churches in which such auxiliaries are not already existing to organize them at the earliest practicable date.

Resolved, XI. That the Board be requested to furnish hereafter to Synod's Committee on the State of Religion, the statistical reports from the Japan and Amoy Missions, to be published with the statistical tables of the Synod, in the same manner as the reports from the Classis of Arcot.

Resolved, XII. That we here record our thanksgivings to God for His manifold blessings upon our work abroad and for

our devoted laborers there ; for the grace of liberality given in increasing measure to our churches at home ; for sparing mercy to some who bear branded on their body the marks of the Lord Jesus, and for the blessed memory of those who now do rest from their labors. To unfaltering obedience to our Divine Master's last command, we renewedly and solemnly pledge our heartiest endeavor, and beseech the whole Church to come up with us to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. COLLIER,
O. E. COBB,
L. DYKSTRA,
HUGH CHEYNE.

Resolved, That this Synod request the Board of Foreign Missions to print in tract form the resolutions of the Committee on Foreign Missions appended to their report, and to distribute them among the churches of the denomination.

The following persons were appointed to fill vacancies in the Board :

Rev. W. E. Griffis, D.D.,	Rev. A. V. V. Raymond,
“ A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	Elder A. A. Raven,
“ A. J. Hutton,	“ D. J. Steward,
“ C. L. Wells, D.D.,	Hon. N. F. Graves.

Resolved, That this Synod extends the assurance of its hearty sympathy to the Rev. Wm. H. Steele, D.D., President of its Board of Foreign Missions, in his protracted feebleness and enforced seclusion. We remember and recognize with gratitude and pleasure his life-long devotion to the cause, from his early consecration to the Missionary work in the Island of Borneo, through his long continued and valuable service as a member and President of the Board, down to its latest exhibition in his liberal gift for the promotion of the work abroad. We commend him, and “the Church that is in his house,” to God and the Word of His grace, and invoke for them the abundant ministrations of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Fifty-third Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, with the Treasurer's Report, was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund, the part relating to vacancies being referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The evening of Tuesday, the seventh day, was devoted to the consideration of the subject of Domestic Missions.

The Report of the Committee was read and accepted, after which the Corresponding Secretary addressed the Synod. Addresses were delivered also by Rev. Wm. H. Phraner, Rev. L. Dykstra and Rev. N. D. Williamson.

On the following day the report was discussed and adopted, and is as follows :

Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The only document referred to your Committee is the " Fifty-third Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions."

This Report is encouraging and might be read with advantage in every church. Its first effect is surprise that so much can be accomplished with so little means. The second effect is chagrin that work so blessed should receive such lukewarm support.

One hundred and three churches have been served by eighty-five Missionaries. Into these churches, 621 have been received on confession, and 344 by letter. Seven churches have become practically self-sustaining, and new churches have been organized. The most suggestive indication of advance, however, is the formation of the new Classis of Iowa, which already numbers seventeen churches and exhibits unusual enterprise.

To support this work the sum of \$40,126.04 has been contributed, of which \$11,644.40 belong to the Church Building Fund. The total expenditure has been \$5,887.20 in excess of all receipts, which added to the deficit of last year makes an indebtedness of \$10,002.02 which we are told belongs nominally to the Church Building Fund.

This in brief is the statement made by the report. We have called it encouraging because the Board so calls it, and because it is really an appreciable advance over former reports. We

ought to feel encouraged, that the financial depression of last year was not seriously felt, if felt at all.

We wish to express our hearty appreciation of the excellent use made by the Board of the funds at their disposal, and also to note our persuasion of the faithfulness and consecration of the men who in their Mission stations, under great privations and with limited advantages have still made such proof of their ministry in winning souls to Christ. We would gladly turn to the fields already occupied and draw inspiration from the zeal and courage and self-denial and true heroism there manifested. We believe that in all the world the extension of Christ's Kingdom calls for no such personal sacrifice as among our home missionaries. These should ever be upon the heart of the Church enlisting our sympathies and prayers.

But the work now before us is to look this whole question of Domestic Missions fairly in the face and ascertain if possible what we ought to do and how we ought to do it.

We call ourselves the Reformed Church in America. Our name makes this whole Western hemisphere our home. Even the Isthmus of Panama is no limit, but we think of ourselves confined as yet to the United States.

As a Church of Christ in this land, we are charged with a definite responsibility, we believe this is God's own land hidden in his Providence for ages, made known only when the truth of the Gospel had been rescued from the bondage of corruption, and the purified Church, the *Reformed Church*, could bring to the new shores the blessings of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

We believe that this nation was founded not only in liberty but also in Christian principle, and dedicated not only to the proposition that all men are created equal, but to the larger proposition that all men are created in the image of God and must be renewed in that image in righteousness and true holiness. We believe that God is to make this land the center of those influences that shall at last redeem the world unto Himself. It is to be a Christian land in name and spirit and achievement. But God does not labor alone, He works within and through men. And so the righteousness of the nation is to be secured and advanced by that Church which has been purchased by His own blood and blessed with the

presence of His Spirit. As a Church in America, we have one *first* duty; it matters not that we are small; we are large enough to count one and to answer to our name in the muster-roll of regenerating agencies, and so we are charged with work in this land, and for this land, to the full measure of our ability. Wherever opportunity is given in the hamlets or great cities of East or West, there we are to push the work of evangelization. Wherever men go the Church must follow, or godlessness will hold high carnival. But as a matter of fact much of our work is clearly marked out for us in the Providence of God. He who made of one blood all the nations of the earth, seems to be bringing them all in these last days to one place, and among the many who come from every land, are those who are especially allied to us by nationality. The Hollanders and the Germans throng to our shores, they are our especial charge. To whom can they look more naturally for help? No other Church stands in closer relation to them, and from year to year they appeal to us in ever increasing numbers. Let us remember that these do not come empty handed; they bring the blessings of good blood; they are the descendants of Reformers and Martyrs. If properly guided they, in time, infuse a new element of strength into our national life. They give stability, *character* to our institutions. Of all nations this can the least afford to lose their power for righteousness. We build better than we know when we keep these strangers among us for God, and by the influences of a thoroughly American Christian Church, bring them gradually into true American citizenship and world-wide usefulness.

Here is our opportunity to rise above the questions of custom or expediency, or "translation," or "interpretation," or "amendment," and unite in a great aggressive movement, that shall tell mightily for Christ's cause in the world. There can be no more blessed or far reaching work, than more and more thoroughly Christianizing America.

But further, the call to this work is no more imperative from without than from within. New communities, whether native or foreign born, do not need us more than we need them. Necessity is laid upon us, woe unto us if we give them not the Gospel. Self-preservation is called the first law of nature. Grace does not supplant nature; so let us begin at the

beginning and own this first law. We believe in our Church. If nothing else inspired this faith, its ability to live in spite of itself would be sufficient. We have yet to think more of the future than of the past, to look forward more than backward. If Holland were Sodom there would be more salt in the Hudson and Mohawk valley than Syracuse could supply. Our *most* glorious history is yet to be made, but can only be made by growth at home. Our hope all depends upon an aggressive spirit in the Church. It is forward or into the grave. We have been trifling too long with this question, and now God gives us another opportunity to prove our right to a separate existence. The Western Department of our work shows more activity than for years. Hope Seminary is re-established. A new Classical Academy in Iowa is starting into vigorous life. Fields are opening to us on every side. Crises do not occur every year, but your Committee believe we face one this year, and more depends upon our action than we may realize, and if any advance is made, we feel it must be along the whole line. The Church must address itself vigorously to this work or make no pretension to special effort. We must *plan* liberal things, if we are to realize them. We must sow widely if we are to reap bountifully, *and your Committee are of the unanimous opinion that larger work demands new measures.*

We believe, as we have already said, that our honored Board and faithful Secretary have done all that could be done with the men and means at their command. The fault lies with the Church at large, which looks with such seeming indifference upon this work. Forty thousand dollars from over eighty thousand members may be a mite, but it is not the widow's. Nothing could reveal more clearly the lack of real interest in this great work.

We further believe that the methods devised by the Church, to make the Foreign Missionary work so successful abroad, and so conscientiously supported at home, are in many respects equally adapted to the cause of Domestic Missions. There is no need of additional experiment. Besides every year the interests of these two Boards are becoming more and more essentially common interests. It becomes hard to find a dividing line, and so the practical machinery of the one can be the more readily adopted by the other.

We find that in foreign lands the details of the work are almost entirely delegated to the men on the ground. We believe that this is needed in our own land, especially in distant portions.

We further find that the interest of the Church at home is aroused by the repeated visit of the Foreign Missionaries themselves, who speak to the people from experience, telling what their eyes have seen and their ears have heard. We believe that nothing can take the place of this agency in awakening zeal for Domestic Missions. Even if the Secretary, crowded with work from Monday morning till Saturday night, could find time and strength to visit the churches, his presence would not answer the purpose; the people need the men direct from the field.

We further find that the contributions of the Foreign Board are sustained by thorough Classical supervision, by general and district conferences, and by a wise system of apportionment. We believe these are indispensable agencies for securing large and systematic gifts to any cause in our Church.

Your Committee therefore propose the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we record our gratitude to God for the work of the past year, and express to the Board our appreciation of their eminent success while laboring under so great disadvantages.

2. *Resolved*, That we enjoin upon the Board the appointment of at least one Missionary Superintendent for the Particular Synod of Chicago, whose salary shall be fixed by the Board, and together with all traveling expenses shall be paid from the receipts of the Board. And further, the Superintendent or Superintendents appointed shall be nominated by the delegates of the Particular Synod of Chicago now present in Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the Superintendent or Superintendents thus appointed shall be expected to attend at least one of the regular meetings of the Board in each year for conference.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be recommended to devise greater facilities for spreading information among all our churches concerning the work under its care.

5. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed by this Synod to confer with the Secretaries of the Boards of

Foreign and Domestic Missions, and arrange for a General Conference in the interests of the two fields of Missionary service. We recommend as such Committee, Rev. Edward A. Reed, Rev. A. J. Hutton and Rev. P. H. Milliken.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend to each Classis the appointment of an agent or agents charged with the interests of Domestic Missions within its bounds; these agents to be delegates to the General Conference above provided for.

7. *Resolved*, That wherever the Classis fails to make such appointment the Board shall invite some one to act in its behalf.

8. *Resolved*, That we consider the sum of \$60,000 (including the needs of the Church Building Fund), within the ability of the Church to provide for its Domestic Mission work during the ensuing year. And that this amount be apportioned equitably among the Classes, and earnest efforts be made by the Missionary Agents to realize it.

9. *Resolved*, That we especially urge upon the churches the liberal support of the Church Building Fund, without whose efficient aid advance is well nigh impossible.

10. *Resolved*, That we recognize with gratitude the enlarged usefulness of the Woman's Executive Committee, and find new cause for confidence in their earnest work on behalf of the Parsonage Fund, and we heartily commend this cause to the women of all our churches, in the hope that the number of auxiliaries may be greatly multiplied.

11. *Resolved*, That we recognize the usefulness of the *Sower and Mission Monthly* and commend it to the entire membership of our Church.

12. *Resolved*, That we have learned with gladness of the increased contributions to the funds of the Board from the Sunday Schools of our Church during the last year, and recognizing the educating power, as well as money value, of such contributions, we recommend to each of our 758 Sunday Schools an annual contribution to the Board of Domestic Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. V. V. RAYMOND, *Chairman*.
RODERICK TERRY,
WILLIAM MOERDYK,
W. H. VAN ORDEN,
THOS. S. SHEPARD.

In accordance with the resolutions of General Synod regarding the nomination of a Superintendent of Missions for the Particular Synod of Chicago, the members of that Synod met in the Sabbath School room of the Reformed Church of Syraeuse.

Rev. A. Buursma, the President of the Particular Synod of Chicago, was chosen Chairman of the meeting.

After an informal ballot having been cast, Rev. F. Zwemer was found to have the majority of the votes, who was subsequently on motion unanimously declared the nominee of the members of the Particular Synod of Chicago.

A. BUURSMAN, *Chairman*.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board :

Rev. J. W. Beardslee, D.D.,	Rev. J. A. Todd, D.D.,
“ D. Van Pelt,	Elder Henry P. Cortelyou,
“ Julius W. Geyer,	“ Judge T. Westbrook,
“ P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.,	“ Wm. N. Clark.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

The Committee on these Funds presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, respectfully report:

The request has been made by the Board of Direction of the Church, that General Synod separate these two Boards by placing each of them in the care of a separate committee on the floor of Synod. We recommend that this be done for the future, and we proceed to give each of them the emphasis of a separate treatment in this Report.

I. THE BUSINESS FUND.

The Widows' Fund, in two of its three departments, is purely a business Fund, and the third secures the efficiency

of the other two. The seventy-one clergymen, whose annual payments are reported in the Treasurer's Account, made a prudent and truly wise business investment in these payments. Will not many other ministers become equally wise and prudent, and make similar investments? The Widows' Fund, backed by the growing security fund, of which honorable mention will be made, is the safest and surest insurance provision a man can find for the same amount of investment. Let at least seventy-one more ministers try it this year.

And the fifty-two churches that made annual payments into the Treasury of this Fund for the benefit of their pastors, made a wise business investment, for there can be no stronger recommendation of the pastorate of a church than the knowledge that the church not only pledges its pastor the amount of salary in his call, but makes provision for his family when he shall be called by the Master to come up higher.

Let the elders on the floor of Synod, and indeed in all our churches, take note of the fact that there is no annual investment of twenty dollars that will give more satisfaction to the officers and members of a church than this which enables them to look on the minister's family with the comfortable feeling that they are providing for their future as well as their present needs. Will not fifty-two or more churches besides these try this investment this year?

And the 127 churches that made general contributions to this Fund during the year made a thorough business investment, because of the fact that these annual contributions form an increasing benevolent security fund, without the interest accruing from which Fund the income of the Widows' Fund would soon dwindle into uselessness. So that the churches making annual contributions to this Widows' Fund can feel and know that they thereby become permanent business partners, without whose contributions the investments of the others would be practically ineffective. Will not these churches continue their contributions, and 127 other churches add theirs during the coming year?

The Treasurer's Report is the following:

WIDOWS' FUND.

By balance from last year's account.....	\$63,520	50
“ cash from the churches during the year.....	1,046	49
“ “ “ “ applied to the credit of pastors.....	889	58
“ one-half of annual payments of clergymen...	679	
“ three per cent. on \$4,000, see amended rules..	120	
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Balance on hand May 1st, 1885.....	\$66,255	57

INCOME OF WIDOWS' FUND.

Cr.

By balance from last year.....	\$5,350	68
“ cash from ministers for annual dues.....	1,358	63
“ “ “ interest for the year.....	3,360	16

Dr.

	\$10,069	47
To cash paid annuitants.....	\$4,078	82
“ salary of Treasurer.....	250	
“ one-half payments of clergymen added to principal.....	679	
“ three per cent. on \$4,000, as above.....	120	
“ seventy-five per cent. of payments withdrawn.	195	
“ balance on hand May 1st, 1885.....	4,746	65
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	\$10,069	47

From this report we learn that the principal of the Fund has been increased \$2,735.07 during the year, and that there has been paid out of the income of the Fund to twenty-four annuitants, twenty-one of them for the year and three for six months, the sum of \$4,078.72; of which \$1,800 was paid during the first six months, and \$2,278.82 the second half year, leaving the balance in hand \$604.03 less than last year.

THE HONOR FUND.

The Disabled Ministers' Fund is purely and eminently an Honor Fund. For it is an honor to a disabled minister of.

Christ to be adjudged worthy by the Classis under whose supervision he lives of a position among those worn-out pastors whose labors for the Lord have been so honorably, faithfully and exhaustively performed, as to fit them in their infirmities, or their families in their needs, for the honor of receiving from the whole Church such salaries as it has been able to provide for them.

And it would be a dishonor to the Church of Christ to leave in distress and want its aged and overworked ministers, and such of their widows and children as are unprovided for by the Widows' Fund. For it would be contrary to the whole teaching of the Holy Scriptures respecting the duty of Christians to the infirm, the aged, the widows, and the fatherless, and to its special directions concerning the duty of the Church to its ministers and those dependent on them.

This Fund receives its increase from the gifts of the living, and the estates of the dead. And as it appeals to the tenderest feelings and holiest principles of those who love the Great Head of the Church, and who esteem its ministry, we commend it to all such for all the gifts they may be able to bestow while living, and for generous remembrance in the disposition of their property after death.

The income of this Fund is derived from two sources. The first source, the interest accruing yearly from the Fund itself gives strength to the appeal already made for the increase of its principal. The other source is that of the contributions from the churches. It was an honor to the 168 churches contributing to this Fund last year, as it will be an honor to every church that makes a contribution to it this year and hereafter, that in doing this, it carries out the precepts and Spirit of the Beneficent Master.

It must not be forgotten that the kind of ministers the churches need and want, are generally shut out from the opportunity of making provision, by business ventures or occupations, for the time of infirmity and for the support of dependent members of their families; that ministers' salaries are usually not very large; that the expenses of a family that must entertain many guests cannot be small; and that the work of many pastorates exhausts the nervous force and physical strength of their incumbents. From these four facts it becomes a matter of prudential necessity, that the Church of

Christ is always charged by the Master, with the care of numbers of disabled ministers and their families.

And, as every one is made to say, "Palsied be the tongue that would declare the Church to have no farther responsibility for the care of those who are disabled from further service in the ministry ;" so let every church and every individual give something this year and each year, for the support and comfort of these wards of the Church, and of the Redeemer.

The Treasurer reports as follows :

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Balance on hand, May 1, 1884.....	\$53,267 28
Legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Jewell.....	500
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Balance on hand, May 1st, 1885.....	\$53,767 28

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND INCOME.

Cr.

Balance per last report.....	\$4,062 99
Cash received from churches	2,211 06
“ “ for interest.....	3,035 49
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Dr. \$9,309 54

Paid for yearly appropriations.....	\$5,600
“ salary of Treasurer.....	166 73
Balance on hand, May 1, 1885	3,542 81
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\$9,309 54	

The details of the report show that the Fund was increased \$500 during the year, and that thirty-eight annuitants, thirty-five of them for the whole year, and three for the last six months, received \$5,600 ; of which \$2,920 was paid the first half of the year, and \$2,680 the latter half ; leaving the balance \$420.18 less than last year.

All these annuitants must be recommended by the Classes of the Church, and this fact presents a very strong appeal to all the Classes to see that all their churches contribute to

this honorable Fund, which is or may become necessary to some of their members.

And, premising that this duty rests lovingly, but strongly on all the Classes, whether they now have annuitants on the Fund or not, it will be of advantage to future Committees and to the churches, if the Treasurer of General Synod hereafter adds to his report the names of the Classes to which the annuitants belong, and the number of them recommended by each Classes.

If the Treasurer will also add to the details of his admirably constructed and written report the figures that state the number of churches contributing and of individual contributors to each of the Funds, and the number of the annuitants of each Fund, it will make it perfect.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

- 1 That General Synod hereafter place the Widows' Fund and the Disabled Ministers' Fund in the hands of two Synodical Committees to give a separate report of each.

2. That General Synod earnestly recommends a continued membership in the Widows' Fund, through the payment of the required amount by each minister for himself, or each church for their minister.

3. That every church not contributing annually to the Widows' Fund for the membership of its pastor, be requested to take a collection in its behalf this year, not excluding those who have the ability from continuing to make contributions in both these forms.

4. That the Disabled Ministers' Fund commends itself to the Christian kindness of the members of Christ's Church, and we especially request the pastor and consistory of each of our churches to give their people the opportunity of contributing to this Fund before the close of this ecclesiastical year.

5. That we heartily commend both these Funds to the favorable consideration of all who have the ability to increase their endowments, by generous gifts while living, and by the testamentary devisal of liberal benefactions.

6. That the Treasurer of General Synod be requested to give, in his future reports, the figures that state the number of churches contributing, of individual contributors and of

the annuitants of each of these Funds; also the names of the Classes to which the annuitants of the Disabled Ministers' Fund belong, and the number of those recommended by each Classis.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. D. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman*.
SANFORD W. ROE,
JULIUS W. GEYER,
THOS. M. WARD,
WALTER T. HOTALING.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Thirty-first Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication, the part relating to vacancies being referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Publication presented the following Report which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

I.

There has been referred to your Committee, the Thirty-first Annual Report of the Board of Publication to the General Synod.

This report shows that the affairs of the Board are in a prosperous condition, with a gratifying advance upon the report of last year.

The gratuitous distribution of books and other publications required in denominational literature amounts in value to \$730.34, which is in excess of last year's donations by the sum of \$256.53.

Little appears in the way of new publications; but much has been done in the re-print of former publications, to meet the constant and growing demand for them in the prosecution of our Church work.

The *Sower and Mission Monthly*, edited by Rev. W. R.

Gordon, is almost self-sustaining. Ten thousand copies are issued monthly; of which 8,000 are for subscribers, and 2,000 are donated to churches under the care of our Board of Domestic Missions. The receipts for the *Sower and Mission Monthly* balance the expenses with the exception of \$4.24. Last year it fell short of paying expenses by some \$400.

The operations of the Board itself are largely self-sustaining. Its assets amount to \$15,067.97. The current business of the year, as reported May 1, 1885, amounts to nearly \$23,000, with a cash balance on hand of over \$2,000, and without liabilities. This showing becomes highly significant when taken in connection with the fact that only about \$1,700 were contributed to this Board during the last year by the churches of our denomination.

In view of the foregoing, your Committee offer the following resolutions :

1. That this Synod hears with gratitude of the prosperous condition of its Board of Publication, and recognizes the discretion with which its affairs have been managed.

2. That the *Sower and Mission Monthly*, as a valuable instrument in its relation to Christianity as well as to the interests of our particular denomination, be and is hereby earnestly commended to the people of our churches.

3. That this Synod bespeaks for the Board of Publication the patronage of our people in quest of a sound Christian literature, and trusts that pastors and consistories will do what they can to further its interests, both in the purchase of its books and in securing pecuniary contributions for its aid, as one of the most direct and efficient agencies for the evangelization of mankind.

II.

There has also been referred to your Committee, a communication from Revs. A. G. Vermilye, Alex. R. Thompson and Wm. J. R. Taylor, the Committee appointed in 1867, "to prepare a Hymn Book, etc." asking Synod to relieve them of further duty and to authorize a transfer of copyright held by them in trust for Synod. Your Committee recommend :

1. That this Committee on Hymnology be discharged with the thanks of Synod.

2. That the copyright held by said Committee be transferred to the Board of Publication.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman.*

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board :

Rev. D. Wortman, D.D.,	Elder Henry Van Buskirk,
“ Geo. H. Smyth.	“ W. A. F. Hazen,
“ J. B. Drury, D.D.,	“ M. V. Schanck,
“ J. H. Suydam, D.D.,	“ Garret Van Nostrand.

CHURCH HYMNODY.

The Committee appointed last June, to whom were referred certain resolutions on this subject (p. 558), presented a report, signed by all the members, recommending the appointment of a Committee of five to prepare a new Hymn Book, and also recommending for use in social meetings the volume known as “Spiritual Songs for Social Worship.”

After a full discussion, in which it appeared that the Synod was not prepared to adopt these recommendations, the Report was recommitted to the three members of the Committee present in the Synod, who presented it again in a modified form. It was then adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to whom General Synod, at its last session, referred two resolutions relating to Hymn Books, (Min. 1884, p. 558,) beg leave to report :

Appreciating the importance of the questions before them, your Committee have given them studious attention, and have sought wisdom of many counsellors.

The resolutions imply dissatisfaction with the Hymnals hitherto approved by Synod. They differ as to the best method of relief. Dilligent inquiry establishes the fact that the dissatisfaction cannot wisely be ignored.

The first resolution seeks the endorsement of the entire “Spiritual Songs” series ; one of which, that for Sunday Schools, has already been approved by Synod.

These Hymnals have received careful examination as regards both hymns and music. Prepared by a master work-

man of more than twenty years experience, they are the ripest and best fruit of his labors.

The volume entitled "Spiritual Songs for Church and Choir," is popular in its character and would probably more nearly meet the now prevailing taste. It is, however, far inferior in solid permanent worth to the later volume known as "Spiritual Songs Ancient and Modern," or "Laudes Domini." This, in its hymns and music and whole make up, stands unrivalled among the larger Hymnals. It is worthy of Synod's unqualified endorsement. After a conscientious review of this work, your Committee cannot consent to recommend its comparatively inferior predecessor. The publishers (the Century Co.) offer to furnish editions of either book with the imprint of our Board of Publication upon the title page, and including our revised Liturgy and Standards. Their liberal propositions are herewith submitted. Your Committee reiterate their decided conviction, that should Synod deem it wise to endorse either of the volumes named, it should be "Laudes Domini," and no other. Time will assuredly justify the soundness of this conviction.

A majority of your Committee were at first strongly in favor of recommending this course, as the easiest, surest and least expensive method of deliverance from existing difficulties. But prolonged deliberation and extended correspondence led them to question its wisdom, and to regard more favorably the action proposed in the second resolution; under certain conditions hereinafter stated.

However great the acknowledged merit of other Hymnals, and however slight the encouragement which experience affords, it is the judgment of many that our Church should have a Hymnal distinctively its own and published by our Board, or under Synod's control. Even if the first resolution should prevail, this would still be desirable. The endorsement of any other Hymnal would probably be destructive to all hope in this direction, unless this work is undertaken at once. The present diversity of usage is deplorable. The adoption of the first resolution would tend to its increase and perpetuation. The adoption of the second, if resulting in the compilation of a Hymnal of superior excellence, while in the first instance increasing the existing diversity, might tend to ultimate and lasting unity.

Your Committee trust that they will not be deemed assuming too much in stating what, in their judgment, should be the character of a new Hymnal.

It need not and should not contain much if any more than five hundred of the best devotional lyrics. That number can be made to include about all the needed, desirable and available hymns to be found in most Hymnals containing a thousand or more. It should be, as the resolution suggests, "*a wise selection*," not a collection, from the Christian Hymnody of all ages. The English Hymnal known as "Hymns Ancient and Modern," of which twenty million of copies were sold in less than twenty years, contains less than four hundred hymns. Considering the treasures of hymnody and music now available, it is not to be confessed, as yet, that our Church cannot furnish a Committee combining enough good poetical and musical taste, sound judgment and sanctified common sense to prepare a Hymnal, of the character indicated, which would win its way to favor and acceptance.

The observance of Dean Stanley's wise conditions that a hymn must be "plain in diction, chastened in imagery, fervent in sentiment, and humble in its approach to God," would have made all our large Hymnals much smaller than they are. It is true that in both hymns and music the wants of the great heart of God's people are to be regarded, rather than the critical taste of the cultivated few; although these last should not be ignored. But no one needs the religious poems which are not hymns, the rhymed theological theses, the sentimental rhapsodies, the hysterical utterances of morbid emotion, and the measured prose which cumber the pages of many of the larger Hymnals.

And yet these conditions should not be maintained too rigidly. A few hymns of inferior merit are so dear to the heart of the Church that the most critical taste may well tolerate them. Even didactic and hortatory hymns need not be wholly excluded. Many of the Psalms are didactic as well as devotional. And it may not be wholly improper that we should "*teach* one another and *admonish* one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." But these should be the few carefully chosen exceptions to the general rule of selecting true devotional lyrics only.

That in such a Hymnal only two or three hundred tunes

might be needed, is in its favor rather than otherwise. It is far better to have two hundred and fifty of the best tunes, made familiar by repetition, than three times that number rarely used, even if of equal excellence. We need a thesaurus of song as little as we do of religious poems. Music, requiring a well trained choir for its proper rendering, and a highly cultivated taste for its appreciation, is not needed in the people's Hymnal. The simpler melodies and harmonies which the people love, or will love, are most to be desired. The plea is not for musical mediocrity; still less for inferiority and triviality; but for that simplicity and seriousness, sweetness and strength, both of melody and of harmony, which should be the essential characteristics of the music of our Church Hymnals. And these are the characteristics of the best sacred music of the master composers. The music for sacramental occasions should be, in every instance, the simplest and sweetest available. Fault in this respect, as your Committee think, marks most Hymnals.

A Hymnal of the character indicated, issued in the best style, might gain general acceptance in churches not already supplied, and possibly meet the wants of many who are dissatisfied with the manuals now in use.

It could contain the Psalms for responsive reading, as well as the Liturgy and Standards, and yet be a comparatively small and inexpensive volume.

But however desirable the publication of such a book may be, the importance of this subject, the great diversity of opinion, and the difficulties in the way of the practical accomplishment of this result, render it inexpedient that any action should be taken at this time.

We therefore recommend that no action on either of the two resolutions offered last year be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. COLLIER,
JOHN HUTCHINS,
CHAS. E. KINGSBURY.

During the discussion it was stated that the publishers of the "Hymns of the Church," had offered to make a very

material reduction in the price of that book, whereupon it was

Resolved, That this Synod accept the reduced terms offered by A. S. Barnes & Company, publishers of the various editions of the Hymns of the Church, and consent to the reduction of the royalty on copyright proposed by said publishers.

The following Report was presented by the Committee on Hymnology, appointed in 1867, and was accepted and referred to the Committee on Publication. The Committee was discharged:

The undersigned would respectfully report to the Synod, that in 1867 Rev. John B. Thompson, Rev. A. G. Vermilye and Rev. A. R. Thompson were appointed a Committee to prepare a Hymn Book in the place of the old one, which had become antiquated; that the "Hymns of the Church," and afterwards a smaller volume entitled "Hymns of Prayer and Praise," were therefore prepared, and after full consideration adopted by Synod almost unanimously; but that subsequently an able Committee of Synod, in conjunction with the original Committee, altered one hundred of the tunes.

The undersigned further report that when Rev. John B. Thompson, retired, Rev. W. J. R. Taylor was appointed in his place, and the undersigned have continued a Committee on Hymnology till the present; of whom Rev. A. G. Vermilye and Rev. A. R. Thompson hold the copyright which was taken out to guard the rights of Synod in the matter.

They further state for the information of Synod, that ever since the expense account for publication was closed (about 1870), these books have produced annual revenue, the check of A. S. Barnes & Co. for which, has been regularly transferred to the Treasurer of General Synod, and by him applied to the "Church Erection Fund," according to the resolution of Synod.

Your Committee now ask to be discharged from further connection with this matter, a connection which they have only held hitherto as an organ of Synod known to the publishers, and as holders of copyright under the original deed. They also desire that Synod shall designate to whom that

copyright shall be transferred ; whether the Board of Direction, or perhaps the Board of Publication.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VERMILYE,
ALEX. R. THOMPSON,
WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR.

May 20, 1885.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Synod fixed the hours of meeting and adjournment as follows: Of meeting, 9 A.M., 2½ P.M. and 7½ P.M., and of adjournment at 12 M. and 5½ P.M.

The bar of the house was designated. The afternoon of the first day, after the organization of the Synod, was spent in devotional exercises, as also the first half hour of each morning session after calling the roll.

The following were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises and Pulpit Supplies: Rev. Evert Van Slyke, Rev. John C. Van Deventer and Elder R. A. Bonta.

On the afternoon of the second day the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. The President presided and read the Form. Rev. S. D. Noyes and Rev. Roderick Terry administered the bread and wine with addresses. Elders Albro J. Newton, Peter S. Danforth, Henry Camerden, Jr., C. E. Kingsbury, G. J. Kollen, Garret Van Nostrand, J. R. Robinson and John L. Hutchings officiated in the distribution.

EX-PRESIDENT GRANT.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the following message be sent by telegraph to General Grant :

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in session in this city, extends to you its profound sympathy, and offers earnest prayer that you may be abundantly sustained by the grace of God in your present affliction.

The Rev. Edward B. Thurber, D.D., of the Park Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Dr. Sims, Chancellor of the Syracuse University, being present, were invited to seats in the Synod. The same invitation was extended to the other clergymen of the city.

The Committee on Nominations, in presenting their report of nominations to fill vacancies in the several Boards, subjoined the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod it is desirable to have at least four members elected to each Board who are not retiring members of that Board.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to bring this resolution to the attention of future Committees on Nomination.

Rev. Daniel Rapalje, one of our Missionaries from China, was invited to a seat in the Synod, with the full privileges of the floor. The same invitation was extended to Elder William H. Kirk, of the Board of Direction.

THE LEMMATA.

Resolved, That a special Committee be appointed, to report to the next General Synod, for the purpose of considering the order and rearrangement of the Lemmata, with special reference to the Standing Committees, with a view to such distribution of the work of the Church that the various interests be subserved and the business of General Synod facilitated.

Resolved, That the Stated and Permanent Clerks be members of said Committee.

The Committee appointed is as follows: Rev. C. L. Wells, P. D. Van Cleef, W. H. Ten Eyck, Cornelius Brett, Henry Camerden, Jr.

BIBLE REVISION.

Whereas, The revision of the English Bible, which has been in progress for fifteen years is now completed, and the book is published, therefore

Resolved, That John Forsyth, D.D., Prof. D.D. Demarest, D.D., President M. E. Gates, Ph.D., M. H. Hutton, D.D., A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., and E. A. Collier, D.D., be a Committee to examine the book and report to the next Synod

whether it be wise and expedient for this body to recommend the same for use in public worship or private, or in both.

THE CHRISTIAN INTELLIGENCER.

Whereas, A religious paper is of great value as an educator, and it is of vital importance to our Reformed Church that the members in her communion and their families, become interested in and familiar with the current history of the Churches, their ministers, and their Sunday Schools and other interests, and

Whereas, The *Christian Intelligencer* is the only medium through which such information can now be brought before the people, and its increased circulation will enable its editors and proprietors to increase its valuable qualities as a family religious newspaper. Therefore

Resolved, That it be recommended to the pastors and consistories of all the churches, to use their influence to introduce the *Christian Intelligencer* into the 45,654 families of our congregations.

ARTICLE XXII.

RELIGIOUS AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. Albert S. Hunt, D.D., one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society, was present and addressed the Synod, after which the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod have just heard the deeply interesting address of the Rev. Dr. Hunt, one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society, with the most profound interest, and this Synod again earnestly commends to all the churches of our beloved Zion, their cordial aid to the great work of this society.

Resolved, That we earnestly commend this society to the benevolence of our churches. In the present issues which are presented no cause is of more importance than the circulation of the Word of God.

The General Synod calls upon the churches to respond liberally to the appeals of the American Bible Society.

Resolved, That Pastors are urged to present its work

statedly to the people, so that from each church a collection shall be secured at least once in each year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS AND BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTIONS.

The Committee on Religious and Benevolent Institutions respectfully report that nothing has been referred to it for its action.

They take the liberty, however, to call anew the attention of the brethren of General Synod to the resolutions passed on Friday, commending the American Bible Society to the systematic benevolence of their churches.

JOHN HART, *Chairman.*

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the contributions made during the year ending April 30th, 1885, by the several churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by the General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each church, whether by church collections or otherwise.

[See Synod's Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Albany.							
First, Albany.....		408	598 35		20	20	58 94
Madison Avenue.....	69 40	328	1,936 58		38 56	38 57	550
Third, Albany.....			33				
Fourth, Albany.....	7 50	10	41				
Holland, Albany.....		20	53 33				
First, Bethlelem.....	15		62 62				
Second, Bethlehem.....			36 62				
Second, Berne.....		53 24					
Knox.....			5				15
Clarksville.....	4 43	4 15	6 04	2	1 73	3	4 46
Coeymans.....	12 64	109 45	96 86	3 85	3 60	3 60	3 01
Jerusalem.....	4 81	3 09	80 52	4 28	2 38		4 46
New Salem.....		15 52	15 51				
Onesquethaw.....	3 15	3 15	4 54	2	1	1 28	2 69
Union.....		15	17 40				
New Baltimore.....	11 32	9 37	115 31	7 45		8 22	55
Westerlo.....			12 18				
Classis of Bergen.							
English Neighborhood.....	6	5 25	69		20		
First, Hackensack.....		105	1,370				130
Schraalenburgh.....	34 25	88 44	159 02	5	20		162 49
New Durham.....		93 37	159 43				
Park, Jersey City.....	13 20	14 20	118 81	5 54	20		11 51
First, Hoboken.....		4 50	10 50	4 50			7 59
North Bergen.....	13 46	25	70				
Second, Hackensack.....			96 30				
German Ev., Hoboken.....		10 02	42 84				
Third, Hackensack.....			20				
Closter City.....		12 35	60 89				
Palisades.....		77 50	21 25				
Guttenburgh.....		2 88	7 90				
Central Ave., J. City.....	15	26 77	58 20	3 25	20	8 50	5
Cherry Hill.....		10					
Spring Valley.....	1 15	3 58	1 38				
Secaucus.....							
S. Classis of Bergen.							
Bergen.....	16 19	246 17	628 26	20 18	11 77		180 39
First, Jersey City.....		28 72	73 50				
First, Bayonne.....	13 37	23 95	125	13			
Second, J. City (1st V. V.).....	9 55	182 64	271 40	11 60	20		169 09

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of Bergen.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Bergen Point.....		200	400				
Second, Hudson City.....	15 38	10	31 55	9 08			
Lafayette.....	20	60	518 69	5	5	15	15
Greenville.....	9	15 26	192 47				75
Free, Jersey City.....							
Third, Bayonne.....	5 45	4 37					
South Bergen.....	2 09	17 31	25 75	3	1 76	1 76	103
1st Ger. Evan., J. City.....							
St. John's Ger. Ev. Bergen.....			4 10				
Classis of Cayuga.							
Canastota.....							9 29
Cicero.....		10					6 75
Chittenango.....	7 25	33 30	33			6 70	2
Naumberg.....							
New Bremen.....							
Owasco.....							7 15
Owasco Outlet.....		3 74	12 50				25
Point Rock.....							34 33
Syracuse.....		117 75	400 97		6 28	5 14	123 73
Thousand Isles.....	2	10	30	1	2	2	16 52
Christ Church, Utica.....	43 79	268 39	298 04	19 19	16 53	44 48	124 46
West Leyden.....							8
Classis of Geneva.							
Abbe Church.....	6 40	6 02	64 14				8 61
Arcadia.....		4 70	1 50				
Cato.....							
Caroline.....							
Clymer.....		6	47 30				
Dunkirk.....		6 09	6 85				
East Williamson.....	21 91	42 52	20	4	15 94	14 35	34 78
Farmer Village.....	10 09	23 96	38 73				55
Geneva.....		5	5				5
Lodi.....	7 88		26	4 72		7 88	10 88
Marion.....	6 85	18 20	72 75				
Mina.....	2 80	3 47	3 58		1 55		
Pultneyville.....	7	9	27				5
Rochester.....	21 40	41 76	236 47				12
Tyre.....		48 08	57 03				6 28
Classis of Grand River.							
Detroit.....		19 37	15 31				
Fremont Centre.....		4 40					
1st, Grand Haven.....	28 37	21 24	43 25		18 34		
2d, Grand Haven.....	7	20	89			5	
2d, Grand Rapids.....	91 17	82 26	430 14				
3d, Grand Rapids.....	10 77	18	129 39				16 28
4th, Grand Rapids.....	25	30 73	63 75	5		5	10
Grandville.....	5	19 20	35				47
Kalamazoo.....	75 17	49 29	306 17			39 76	
Montague.....							
Muskegon.....	60 50		302 40				39 20
Polkton.....		4 12					
South Haven.....			5 50				
Spring Lake.....	24 42	20	45		2	2	7
Twin Lakes.....	5		20 70				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene.							
First, Athens.....	10	57 50	140 60				5
Second, Athens.....			12				
First, Catskill.....	13 50	53 15	575 01	14 66		24 70	186
First, Coxsackie.....	12 30	22 50	91 25	3 92		6 30	29
Second, Coxsackie.....	18 17	126 57	294 12		9 99	12 26	12 31
Kiskatom.....	12	78 37	105 50	5	4	6 32	59 45
Leeds.....	8	10	51 80				10
Classis of Holland.							
Beaverdam.....		23	17				
Cleveland.....							
Drenthe.....							
East OverysseL.....							
Ebenezer.....	16 72		32 06				
Fynaart.....		16 45					
Graafschap.....	8 42		90 12				
Holland, 1st.....	24 16	15 47	164 71				
Holland, 3d.....	13 10	11 51	115 56				
Jamestown.....	8 18		82 94				
North Holland.....		13 70	34				21
OverysseL.....	81 23	40 39	251 46				
Rotterdam.....	8	10 65	9 80				
Saugatuck.....							
South Blendon.....		4	5				
Three Oaks.....			2				
Vriesland.....	18 25	31 61	89 78				1
Zabriskie.....							
Zeeland.....	23	52	523 80				
Classis of Hudson.							
Hudson.....	29 23	212 73	528 83	18 70			117 93
First, Claverack.....	15	48 67	237 13		20	13	14
Second, Claverack.....	15	25	128 87				
Linlithgow.....		22 15	61 09				5
Greenport.....	7 25	9 36	96 60			6 75	4
Germantown.....		12 74	32 61	3			4
Upper Red Hook.....		66 51	262 14			16	92
West Copake.....			32 05				
Gallatin.....	5 33		43 03		3 94	4 57	
Livingston at Linlithgo.....			48 08				
Classis of Illinois.							
Fair View.....		18 73	165	7 47			12 06
First Pekin.....							
Spring Lake.....				1			
Raritan.....		5	82 15				
Bushnell.....			52				
First Pella.....	12 65	28	138			15	
Havana.....		5 60					
Second Pella.....	3 72	10 40	190 10	11 54	2 99	2 99	12 08
Third Pella.....							
Otley.....			10				
Bethel.....			20 75				
Norris.....			5				
Norwood Park.....			3				
Irving Park.....		21 67	49 48				10 27
Second Pekin.....							
Manito.....							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Iowa.							
Orange City.....		34 50	52 02		20		20
Alton.....	17	78 12	216 77				15
West Branch.....	2	25 05	73 15				7 06
North Orange.....		44 58	25 98				
Parkersburg.....							
Washington.....		14 50	14 50				
Sioux Falls.....							
Lennox.....		1 05					
First Douglass, Harrison		8					
Turner.....							
Centreville.....		1					
Marion.....							
Charles Mix.....							
Salem.....							
Belmond.....							
Maurice.....							
New East Vriesland.....							
Bonhomie.....							
Classis of Kingston.							
Bloomington.....	3 40		9		4 06	2 14	
The Clove.....	14 63	25 10	87 17	7 08	3 35	3 35	5 69
Dashville Falls.....			20				
Guilford.....	6 50	6 60	26	6 16			
Hurley.....	4 39	46 15	100 20				
Kingston, Fair Street.....	6 91	81 70	258 65	6 72			6 20
Krumville.....		6 25	5 75				
Lyonsville.....			3 25				
Marbletown.....	5 25	5 02	44 11			6 26	8
Marbletown, North.....		12 14	7			4 35	1 06
New Paltz.....	16 28	91 09	248 68		8 05	8 05	44 24
Rochester.....	6 62	10	40				
Rosendale.....			15 50				
St. Remy.....		2	5 80			94	79
N. Classis of L. Island.							
Jamaica.....	50 22	240 66	318 43		20	8 49	35 56
Newtown.....	20 23	91 15	124 46	8 30	12 38	11 32	54 20
Oyster Bay.....	11	37 90	106 49	8	12 60		7 06
North Hempstead.....	17	16 30	26	5 68	8 90	11 35	16 78
Williamsburgh.....		57 50	234 41				
Astoria.....	16 20	133 12	227 21	17	11 90	11 90	36
Flushing.....		45 65	237 16				85
Greenpoint.....	17 98	37 36	445 42			11 09	31 46
South Bushwick.....			7				
Second Astoria.....	12 05	21 28	18 27				5
East Williamsburgh.....			54 45				
Queens.....	12 13	216	245 30	6 07	15 21	5 21	16 27
German Ev., Brooklyn.....	50	43	61	6	6	6	2
Sayville.....	2 66	4 30	4 30	3 50	4	3 57	4
Locust Valley.....	30		22 87		11 43		15
College Point.....	7 67	64 81	345 83	8 75	9 81	14 99	8 05
First Ref., L. I. City.....							
Bushwick.....		15	19 30				
German Ev., Jamaica.....		8 50	10				
Jericho.....							
Hicksville.....							
S. Classis of L. Island.							
Brooklyn.....	47 95	278 25	415 97	6	19	19	18
Flatbush.....	655 06	792 05	1,553 26	26 62	20	13 85	94 98

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of L. Island.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Flatbush Mission.....			18 10				
New Utrecht.....		281 98	532 08				
Gravesend.....	34	54 70	298 27	14	6 35	7	26 33
Flatlands.....	51 15	181 99	98 21	36	14 50	16 51	45 72
New Lots.....	31 25	82 67	371 72		20		100
East New York.....	18 52	30	179 80	8 05			17 75
South Brooklyn.....	31 31	36 28	201 52		3 45	3 50	85
Middle ".....		28 46	46 74				59 50
12th St., ".....	32 31	73 69	355 29		20	13 24	140 87
North ".....			1 50				
Heights, ".....	416 48	760 09	2,557 59	83	50	77 44	319 37
New Brooklyn.....	10	26	25	5	2 50	2 50	10
Bedford.....	7 81	56 05	85 99	57 81			31 68
Second Flatbush.....	2 50	8 68	5 01		1 40		
Canarsie.....	3 50	3 50	6 50		1 50	2	1 50
St. Thomas, West Indies.....	27	10	5				
Classis of Michigan.							
Centreville.....	5 21	18 30	38 82				35 95
Constantine.....		16	37				9 90
De Spelder.....	2 13	10	11 40	1 64		2	1
Grand Rapids.....	8 28	40 87	83 25			15	
Hope, 2d Holland.....	15 24	20 19	114 24	7 75	7 17	7 18	8 90
Macon.....		4 06	17				
Porter.....							
South Bend.....	2 20	5 10	4 10	1 20	1 20	1 20	13 90
South Macon.....		3 14	17 04				
Classis of Monmouth.							
First, Freehold.....	17 07	27 50	90 73			9 84	
Holmdel.....	14 23	81 54	100 25	8 60	12	20	24 41
Spotswood.....	2 52	3 56	9 07				8 01
Middletown.....	3 25	17 50	17 50	2 13	2 12	2 50	22 50
Second, Freehold.....	33 18	67 09	335 55		20		45 96
Keyport.....	5	15	12	2	2	3	1 25
First, Long Branch.....		24 60	46 74		6 27	7	
Colts Neck.....	5 79	34	48 55	8 50	4 25	4 04	13 90
Highlands.....							
Asbury Park.....		20	10				
Classis of Montgomery.							
Auriesville.....	7	9 50	30				
Canajoharie.....	11 93	54 08	84 70	10			2
Columbia.....		2 93	5 84				
Cranesville.....			4 28				
Currytown.....	7 24	12	18 12	3 87			
Ephratah.....							
Florida.....	11	13	77		10	2	2
Fonda.....	10	100	218 10	18 50	20	17	102 13
Fort Plain.....	11 10	30	99 86			9 25	
Fort Herkimer.....							
Fultonville.....	13 84	32 70	62 80	12 22	13	13	13
Glen.....	9	46 25	104	3 16	12 80	10	6 50
Hagaman's Mills.....	21 54	41 31	118 35	4 15	8 72	2 71	16 47
Henderson.....							
Herkimer.....	20	27 81	114 91	2	2 36	2 36	25 55
Indian Castle.....							
Manheim.....							
Mapletown.....							
Mohawk.....		17	27				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Montgomery.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Port Jackson.....		40	116 38				65
St. Johnsville.....	4 50		26	7			
Stone Arabia.....			15				
Spraker's Basin.....	5		7 40				
Classis of Newark.							
Belleville.....	6 21	72 17	141 20	9 41	9 98	10 35	42 81
First, Newark.....	23 98	91 76	179 45	14 81	12 93	24 56	
Irvington.....		10 55	11 25				
Second, Newark.....	10 25	163 45	199 82			3 81	20
Franklin.....	14 04	6	11 50				
North, Newark.....	50	2,776 15	2,759 45	50			85 80
West, Newark.....	7	10	10				
Clinton Ave., Newark.....	31 81	169 90	425 80	10 14	6 88	6 88	34 50
East, Newark.....		14 50	12 50				
Linden.....		25	25				
Woodside.....			30 50				
Stone House Plains.....		24 32	25 82				
Orange.....	26 47	147 29	1,418 23	43 62	15 40	15 43	
Trinity, Plainfield.....		221 67	513 01	10	20	20	154
Plainfield, German.....		9 25	2				
Classis New Brunswick.							
First, New Brunswick.....	39 10	122	641 18	36 12	12 74	30	279 83
Six Mile Run.....		156	407 38	15 82	9	9 15	37 05
Hillsborough.....	8 79	66 57	165 27		20		
Middlebush.....	20 27	125 72	203		20	6 50	12
Griggstown.....		56 75	145 11	3 70	3 08		29 48
Second, New Brunswick.....	60 77	142 49	1,054 81	26 07	20	14 04	196 88
Bound Brook.....	5	36 44	36 42				
Third, New Brunswick.....			24 14				
East Millstone.....	12 88	28 52	39 16	6 10			
Metuchen.....	5 35	5 32	91 68				
Suydam Street.....			53 60				
Classis of New York.							
New York (Collegiate).....	611 84	2,521 53	7,770 03	122 20	48 75	158 23	947 20
North.....			23 52				
DeWitt.....			126 10				
Knox Mem'l. } Col.			16 17		20		
Seventh Ave. } Chapels.....			110 70				
Harlem.....	51 61	188 45	290 30	32 62	20 70	66 44	40 48
South New York.....	52 27	366	1,144 89	45 33	19 68	59 05	228 16
Manor (Chapel So., N. Y.).....			67 84				
Staten Island.....		39 81	350				64 28
Bloomingsdale.....	5 79	6 02	46 75		20	8 12	11 75
Madison Avenue.....	16 33	538 79	1,358 16	16 33	36 66	73 34	162 79
Thirty-fourth Street.....	20 10	54 41	106 03	14 25	20	10	55 40
German Ev. Mission.....	50	150	250	15	20	20	25
Richmond, Staten Island.....		7 50		52 06	18 83	57 32	
Huguenots.....		21 50	4				
St. Paul's, Mott Haven.....	11 32	18 50	54 44	8 89	9 50	9	59 87
Union, High Bridge.....	20	33	111 51	9 55	15 25	11 37	71 50
Fourth German.....	10 70	65 20	101 25	5	5	5	5
Prospect Hill.....	30	100	417 68	12	10	20	170 68
Holland.....	3	10	2 32	3	1 12	2 12	3
Avenue B, German Ev.....	6	7	18			6	5
Brighton Heights.....	21 12	37 96	122 73	17 53	9 10	9 10	89 28
Union, Sixth Ave.....	7 97	14 67	161	7 54	7 74		50
German, Norfolk St.....		18	48				18

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of New York.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Kreischersville, S. I.	1	5	5	1	1	1	1
Brookfield, Conn.							
Mattoax & Amelia C. H.							
German Ev., Yorkville.		2	2	1	1	1	1
Classis of Orange.							
Berea.	8	24	85	5	10		10
Bloomingsburgh.	6 55	8 03	26			5	
Callicoon.			5				
Claraville.							
Cuddebackville.		10 75	25				
Deerpark.	24	224 95	292 63			24 20	17 31
Ellenville.	11 24	33 34	122 85	12 49	8 95	24 75	41 45
Fallsburgh.	3 15	31 50	70 63	1 50	2 78	3	20
Grahamsville.							
Kerhonkson.							
Mamakating.		5	12				
Minnisink.		1 90	2				
Montgomery.	21 18	203 74	581 11	12 95	11 84	11 84	32 42
Newburgh.	18 47	37 42	443 08	10 04	10	10	132 92
New Hurley.			2				
New Prospect.	8 81	34 45	47 93	8 92		12 39	6 04
Shawangunk.	7	7 50	42 50	4 50			6
Unionville.					4 20	4 20	
Walden.	17 35	84	205 79				45 79
Walkill Valley.	9		25 25	6 24			
Walpack (Upper).		7	5				
Walpack (Lower).		9 02	12 96	9 72	4 53	4 53	4 53
Wawarsing.	3 59	22 47	32	2 02	1 08	1 09	2 57
Classis of Paramus.							
Acquackanonck.	36	113 60	702	15	20	6 25	40
Broadway, Paterson.	8	12 75	214 72	5 55	6 95	3 96	
Centerville.	20	20	130 05			10	27
Clarkstown.	13 98	96 63	129 39	10 78			
1st. Holland, Paterson.	5 35	13 63	25 36	2 71	10		4 72
Holland, Lodi.	1 50	2	7	2	2	2	
Holland, Passaic.		15 50	76 96				
Holland, Wortendyke.	3 25	6	4 09	2 25	3	5	10
Second, Lodi.	2	10	10		2		
North, Passaic.	14 30	62 45	205 72		26 80	19 06	71 20
Nyack.	128	160 51	917 23	19 11	28 35	20 85	113 15
Paramus.	18 09	74 95	174 49		20		
Pascack.		29 06	58 10	4 07	1 50	1 50	6 09
Piermont.	12 44	81 38	110 69		11 23		8 97
Ramapo.	5	10	12	3			
Ramseys.	1	7 50	2	1			
Ridgewood.			24 28				
Saddle River.			10				
Second, Totowa.	22 50	18 30	194 06	9 39	20	15 50	31 01
Spring Valley.	12 10	5	162 21				5
Tappan.	9 30	22 97	49	5 20	2 82	2 82	27 50
Warwick.	36 94	309 59	517 62	11 92	20	20 90	169 33
West New Hempstead.		34 12	34 01				2 95
Classis of Passaic.							
Boonton.			55	2		4	2 60
Fairfield.			98 71				
Franklin Furnace.		10	16 15				
Little Falls.		10	52				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Passaic.							
(CONTINUED.)							
Montville			68 68				
6th Paterson, Holland			15 59	40 31			
Pompton Plains		95 96	306 74				
Pompton		50	301 84			14 67	24 31
Ponds	5 70	4	44	4 50			
Preakness		15					
First, Totowa			97 98		6 30	10	5 33
Union Reformed	5	14	51		20		
Wyckoff	6 25	9	73 50				2
Classis of Philadelphia.							
Harlingen	10 50	32	30 73	10 85	2	5 75	
Neshanic	19 19	66 05	165 76		4 77	4 77	24 58
First, Philadelphia	23 25	67 93	375 66				10
Blawenburg		66 50	60				
Addisville	7 26	26 28	38 83				
Rocky Hill		48 61	47 46				25 03
Fifth, Philadelphia	30		50	5	10	5	
Clover Hill	7 56		5 21				
Three Bridges		45 13	33 12				
Second, Philadelphia	63 10	106 40	451	63	21 20	5	95 80
Stanton	12	22 50	52				
Third, Philadelphia		50	101				
Fourth, Philadelphia	5	40	135 68			5	5
N. and S. Hampton	8 12	43	212 65	3 87	5	2 16	98 50
Classis of Poughkeepsie.							
First, Poughkeepsie	98 14	80 67	933 44		30 85	30 86	21 82
Second, Poughkeepsie	16 89	105 92	551 51		48 24	28 24	30
Fishkill	8	31	211 90		5 55	6	
Hopewell	10 45		122 42	2	6 83	6 84	
New Hackensack	17 20	26	135 70	5	3	5	5 80
Hyde Park			60				
Fishkill-on-Hudson		104 69	197 76				
Rhinebeck		75 74	202 34	15 42			18 85
Glenham	3 50	2	40 40	1 75	2 20	1 10	6
Cold Spring		18 38	44 37				
Millbrook	9 55	15 84	72 30				
Classis of Raritan.							
First, Raritan	13	61 40	316 05	12 30	5	5	16
Readington	23 30	153 65	277 16	24 30	20	26	16 11
Bedminster	27 89	147 32	210 27	39 42			
Lebanon		17 32	17 66				
Rockaway	3 50	37	60 92				
North Branch	12 70	50 59	161				44 94
Second, Raritan	38 13	83 76	300 72	25 85		20 45	31 18
Peapack	12	12 75	53 66				
Branchville	15	99 25	136 39				153
Third, Raritan	16 75	197 18	415 19	15 25	7 13	7 12	17 13
Easton		21 20	227 30				20
Pottersville	3 75	8 50	24				
High Bridge		14 97	41 89				
Clinton Station		18 97					
Fourth, Raritan (Ger.)		5					

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Rensselaer.							
* Blooming Grove.....		33 78	28 04	7 30	9 52	10 52	7 17
Castleton.....		60	81 65				25
Chatham.....			294 40				
First, Ghent.....	10	15	215 60	5	10	10	25
Second, Ghent.....	16 80	4 71	10				
Greenbush.....	20	40	139 48	10 43	20		34 58
Kinderhook.....	54 30	302 40	1,054 72		29 53	39 49	148 85
Nassau.....	16 37	44 52	120 51		20	7 50	16 02
New Concord.....							
Schodack.....		13	73 41				
Schodack Landing.....	6 75	59 32	116 20	2 42		4 31	4 62
Stuyvesant.....	1 11	14 91	154 32	2 73	6 40	2	3 17
Stuyvesant Falls.....		10					
Classis of Saratoga.							
Boght.....	1	10	10	1	2	2	1
Buskirks.....		33	58				8
Cohoes.....		50	281 32				
Easton.....			10				
Fort Miller.....	3	5	6	3	3	3	3
Gansevoort.....							
Northumberland.....			23				
Rensselaer.....							
Saratoga.....	16 95	18 92	21 31	11 86			11 86
Schaghticoke.....	4	7	20				
Union Village.....	9 50		24 65	1	1	1	
West Troy.....	17 98	68 22	156 91				8 36
West Troy (South Church) ..	8 69	100 63	158 04		20		20 38
Wynantskill.....		17 38	73 50			15	
Classis of Schenectady.							
First, Schenectady.....			440 20				15 82
Second, Schenectady.....		36 71	159 80				
First, Glenville.....	5	565 88	156 69	5	5	5	5
Second, Glenville.....		22 19	35			2 60	1 05
First, Rotterdam.....	8	8 52	92 26		6 40		
Second, Rotterdam.....	5 25	8 10	12 25				
Helderberg.....	23 83	8 82	78				
Niskayuna.....	20	50 25	162 60	5	5	5	52
Lisha's Kill.....		3 94	63	2 63			
Amity.....	4 86	24	77 74	3 14	1 52	3 06	38 18
Princeton.....		8 10	56				
Classis of Schoharie.							
Beaverdam.....	1		5 65				
Berne.....	4	11	41 20				
Breakabin.....		7	7 45				
Central Bridge.....		1 35					
Gallupville.....	8	9	35 40	3 15	1 25	1 25	8
Gilboa.....		7 35	21 50				
Lawyersville.....		34					
Middleburgh.....							
Moresville.....		2					
North Blenheim.....		5 98	8 62				
Prattsville.....		2	3 20				
Schoharie.....			59 58				
Schoharie Mountain.....		5 90	7				
Sharon.....		2	12 50				
South Gilboa.....							

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Classis of Ulster.							
Blue Mountain							
Caatsban	14	102	363 30	11 50	5 06	5 06	10 13
Esopus	2 50	3	81		5	5	4
Flatbush			95 14			5 10	
Kingston		92 63	618 82				
Port Ewen	3 79	44 03	60 96			5 19	3 71
Plattekill		10	38 13				14 50
Roxbury	5 28	13 41	13				10 50
Saugerties	25	50 51	321 52				41 77
Shandaken							
Shokan							
Stewartville			52 05				
West Hurley			3 56				
Woodstock			83 83	2 61	2 51		2 56
Wiltwyck		2 81					
Classis of Westchester.							
Bronxville	3 42	6 53	69 58		5 32	5 32	6 92
Cortlandtown	7 54	4 37	89 80		3 07	3 56	30 75
Fordham	18 36	151 70	325 30	17 70	22 07	27 25	102
Greenburg							
Greenville							
Hastings-on-Hudson							
Melrose	5	10	16			5	
Mount Vernon	27 51	222 50	458 85			43 10	75
Peekskill	15 71	95	152 93		20		5
Tarrytown, First	15	163	191				129 50
Tarrytown, Second	25 25	393 22	433 60				65
Unionville, Second	11 94	18 17	37 81	4 90			
West Farms	2	43 21	9	1 50	1 27	1 27	10
Yonkers	27 79	98 30	404 61	6 48	30	5	175
Classis of Wisconsin.							
Alto	20 48	56 72	251 49				
Bethlehem			30				
Cedar Grove		19	73		10	9 50	
Chicago	30	40	511 93	5	5	5	18 50
Danforth		15 83	12				
Ebenezer		30 40	12				
Forreston		29					
Franklin			20				
Fulton	39 50	70	227 10			21 15	16 58
Gibbsville	13 20	32 50	173 75				
Greendale	7 14	16 31	47		4	4	
First Holland, Neb.	11 48	13 80	276 14	5 50	7 39	8 05	17 10
Second Holland, Neb.							
Lansing			5 70				
Milwaukee	18 10	126 05	173 65				
New Amsterdam							
Oostburg		6 30	99 41				
Peoria	12 75	33 90	8 50				
Roseland			235 50				
Sheboygan Falls							
Silver Creek			234 71				
South Holland	30	37	176 50				
Philadelphia, Kan.			3 76				

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully report, that this subject having been often and largely discussed upon the floor of General Synod, and again, at its last session, under the three heads of Principles, Obligations and Methods, fully presented in a report which the Synod requested our pastors to read to their churches from the pulpit, little is left for us to say beyond the common places of hortatory remarks.

Your Committee have no means of knowing whether the reasonable request, as aforesaid, has been complied with or not, but assuming that our pastors obeyed the Synod in this matter, it is obviously unnecessary for us to take up time by needless repetition. Surely the subject of benevolence is well understood by Christian people, not only from the various utterances of their Master in reference to it, but by the spiritual instinct of every new-born soul, implanted by the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost. We rejoice in the liberality of our churches shown during our last ecclesiastical year towards that cause for which Jesus shed his precious blood, and which exemplifies the practical working of the life within His people that can never die, yet we cannot but regret such failures as we find too often indicated in the columns of our statistical tables, which record the benefactions of our churches under the heading of "Religious and Benevolent Purposes." We very well know that the *nature* of preferences is indicated by the objective expenditure of means and efforts, and that our love in any direction controls both. If the most impecunious servant of the Lord is circumstantially debarred from making great bestowments for Christ, he cannot be shut out from offering the smallest fraction of a dollar, and his encouragement is the laudation of the Lord upon the Widow's mite, and no friend on earth is so prompt to accept the will for the deed, as that friend who "sticketh closer than a brother."

One of our Elders, now upon the floor of this Synod, is the author of a little tract, from which we take the liberty of quoting the following paragraph:

“The great want to-day, in relation to worshipping God by giving our property, is Scriptural instruction. ‘Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider,’ (Isai. 1: 3), is true to-day. It is to be feared that the ministry is to a large extent responsible for this ignorance, this want of consideration; they have failed to instruct their people, fearing to speak about money; but surely the grace of liberality is to be taught and commended to God’s people as well as all the other Christian graces. This, perhaps, is the reason why so much suffering for the want of means exists, both for the support of the ministry at home and the spread of the Gospel abroad.”

This is true, and well said; especially in regard to SYSTEMATIC benevolence, upon which we take it to be our duty to insist. He who gives systematically, gives most acceptably, because most efficiently. Where there are no facts or principles to be discussed for enlightenment on this subject, “a word to the wise is sufficient,” and we would not imply anything derogatory to the intelligence or Christian virtue of our people by lengthy remarks; but we desire to say to them what they themselves do know, that pressing necessity, and omnipresent duty alike appeal for the prompt observance of *system* in the manner of their giving. If we will for a moment put ourselves in the room of our dearly beloved Missionaries, both Foreign and Domestic, laboring by proxy for us in the spread of the Gospel, we shall need no other argument for conviction on this point, unless our funds be low in the Bank of Faith, and our souls benumbed for the want of grace.

Trusting that every minister will take special pains to impress his people with the necessity of systematic effort in their benefactions to all our Boards and institutions of benevolence, this Synod commends to their painstaking remembrance and observance the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the cause of benevolence needs and demands the special care of all our Consistories in so arranging the various collections required, that systematic effort, no less than efficiency, shall realize in every church large results in behalf of the growing cause of Christ in this and foreign lands.

2. *Resolved*, That all our Pastors and Consistories be earnestly requested to induce, as far as they can, their respective congregations to supply themselves with the cheap publication denominated "*The Sower and Mission Monthly*," for the purpose of disseminating, as widely as possible, the information therein contained, as necessary to secure in every family a warm attachment to the Reformed (Dutch) Church in all her interests, to awaken a deeper feeling for the success of her benevolent operations, and to quicken their perceptions of individual Christian duty, as to systematic effort in extending the aid requisite to the best success of this great cause, for the advancement of which every church of Jesus Christ has, and holds its existence.

W. R. GORDON, *Chairman*.

WM. H. FORD,

JAMES CRUIKSHANKS,

HENRY VAN BUSKIRK,

JOHN L. HUTCHINGS.

The following paper in reference to the Sabbath evening service in the house of God was adopted:

Whereas, The Sabbath evening service of our churches is an important part of the aggressive work of God's people, the morning service being more especially fitted for the establishment in the faith of those already won to Christ; while many of the unsaved, who are unwilling to attend church in the day time, can be persuaded to place themselves under the influence of the Gospel in our churches at night; and

Whereas, The habit has become prevalent among the majority of Christians in many of our churches of absenting themselves from Sabbath evening worship, to the great discouragement of their pastors, and the enfeeblement of the power of the Church on the outlying masses of the community; therefore

Resolved, That this General Synod earnestly recommend to all the members of our churches, who are not disabled by illness that would keep them from their ordinary business, to form the conscientious habit of regular attendance on the Sabbath evening services in their respective places of worship, and of using their best efforts to get the larger Sabbath School scholars, and the unconverted and careless adults, to attend

these services regularly, that God's house may be filled, many souls saved, and the Church of Christ grow in numbers and in power.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The Stated Clerk, as Chairman of the Committee on Necrology appointed last year, presented a report containing notices of all the Ministers who have died during the past year. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on Accounts would respectfully report, viz :

First, Your Committee would recommend that the expenses of the delegates from the following Classes of the Particular Synod of Chicago be paid according to the rule of General Synod (see Vol. 9, p. 467, Minutes of General Synod), viz :

Four from the Classis of Grand River, \$21 each, total, \$84.

Two from the Classis of Holland, \$28 each, total, \$56.

Three from the Classis of Illinois, \$36 each, total, \$108.

Four from the Classis of Michigan, \$21 each, total, \$84.

Your Committee would recommend that in consequence of the increased mileage of the members of the Classis of Wisconsin, and of the heavy expenses necessary to be incurred by these brethren in their attendance upon the Ecclesiastical Judicatories of the Church, and the heavy assessments imposed upon these churches in order to meet these obligations, that the Classis aforesaid (viz : Wisconsin) be recommended, viz :

Five delegates, \$21.60 each, total \$108.

Your Committee would further recommend that the newly formed Classis of Iowa have an allowance made them of \$120, annually, for its *three* delegates, or \$40 *per capita*, when less than that number is in attendance upon Synod.

Your Committee further recommend the payment of the following bills which have been put in their hands, viz :

1st Bill of John Hutchins, Member of Synod's Committee on Hymnology, for traveling expenses....	\$15
2d Bill of Chas. E. Kingsbury, for the same.....	19 50
2d Bill of Dr. E. A. Collier, for traveling expenses and incidentals.....	17 40
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	\$51 90

Your Committee further recommend the payment of the doorkeeper's bill, amounting to \$20 ; and a bill for printing and stationery amounting to \$19.38.

Respectfully submitted,

P. V. VAN BUSKIRK,
A. F. TODD,
S. L. GAMBLE,
PETER W. FRELIGH,
ISAAC RIGGS.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,500 copies of the Minutes of this Session of the General Synod, and that the price be printed on the cover.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church, assembled at Syracuse, would place on record its sense of obligation to their generous entertainers, whose successful efforts in their behalf have made their sojourn in this beautiful city so satisfactory and delightful.

They have cordially received the members of Synod, and have right royally entertained us in their sumptuous homes. Verily their salt has not lost its savor.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are heartily tendered to the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Syracuse for the use of their noble edifice, which has arisen Phoenix like out of the ashes ; that we congratulate the congregation on the architectural beauty and convenient appointments of the

audience room and its annex ; that our prayers ascend for the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, and a prosperous church life.

Resolved, That we are especially indebted for assiduous attentions to the Committee on Entertainment, and the former pastor of the church, Rev. Evert Van Slyke, D.D.

Resolved, That we also tender our thanks to the families of this congregation, and of churches of various denominations, who have so hospitably entertained the members of Synod, or have provided for their entertainment at hotels; to the choir of the church for the artistic music furnished at our public services; to the reporters and members of the press for their daily report of proceedings: to the Western Union Telegraph Company and Post Office officials for accommodations furnished.

The Minutes were read and approved. The roll was called and none were found absent without leave.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

By invitation of the First Reformed Church in the city of New Brunswick, N. J., the Synod resolved that its next regular session be held in that church, on the First Wednesday in June, 1886, at three o'clock, P.M.

After brief remarks by Rev. Evert Van Slyke, late Pastor of the church, and a response by the President, the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," etc., was sung, prayer was offered by Rev. A. G. Vermilye. The Doxology was then sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the President.

J. HOWARD SUYDAM, *President*.

JOHN H. KARSTEN, *Vice President*.

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk*.

P. T. POCKMAN,
ALAN D. CAMPBELL, } *Clerks pro tem*.

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PAUL D. VAN CLEEF,
Stated Clerk.

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“ 1797—	Rev. Dirck Romeyn.....	“	New York City.
“ 1800—	Rev. Ira Condict.....	New Jersey..	Albany, N. Y.
“ 1803—	Rev. John H. Livingston....	New York...	Po'keepsie, N. Y.
May, 1804—	Rev. John H. Livingston...	“	New York City.
June, 1806—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn...	New Jersey..	Albany, N. Y.
Sept., 1807—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn...	“	Harlem, “
June, 1809—	Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	New York...	New York City.
“ 1812—	Rev. Jacob Sickles.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1813—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	New Jersey..	New York City.
June, 1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	New York..	“ “
“ 1815—	Rev. John Schureman.....	New Jersey..	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1815—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Penns'vania.	New York City.
June, 1816—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	“	“ “
“ 1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.	New York..	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.	“	Kingston, N. Y.
June, 1818—	Rev. William McMurray.....	“	New York City.
Aug., 1818—	Rev. William McMurray.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1819—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	“	“ “
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Oct., 1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
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“ 1822—	Rev. Philip Milledoler.....	“	New York City.
Feb., 1823—	Rev. Philip Milledoler.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1823—	Rev. Jesse Fonda.....	“	“ “
“ 1824—	Rev. Thomas De Witt.....	“	New York City.
Jan., 1825—	Rev. Thomas De Witt.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Penns'vania.	N. B's'ck, N. J.
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June, 1826—	Rev. John Ludlow.....	New York..	“ “
“ 1827—	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler....	“	Philadelphia, Pa.
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“ 1829—	Rev. John Knox.....	“	New York City.
“ 1830—	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge....	New Jersey..	N. B's'ck, N. J.
“ 1831—	Rev. John Gosman.....	New York..	Albany, N. Y.
Nov., 1831—	Rev. John Gosman.....	“	New York City.
June, 1832—	Rev. Isaac Ferris.....	“	“ “
Oct., 1832—	Rev. Isaac Ferris.....	“	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1833—	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway.....	“	Schenec., N. Y.

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" 1835—	Rev. Robert Bronk.....	New York.	Philadelphia, Pa.
" 1836—	Rev. Thomas M. Strong	"	Albany, N. Y.
" 1837—	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff.....	"	New York City.
" 1838—	Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor....	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
" 1839—	Rev. George W. Bethune	Penns'vania.	Philadelphia, Pa.
July, 1839—	Rev. George W. Bethune	"	N. B's'ck, N. J.
June, 1840—	Rev. James Murphy.....	New York.	New York City.
Nov., 1840—	Rev. James Murphy.....	"	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.....	"	" "
Sept., 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.....	"	New York City.
Oct., 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.....	"	" "
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" 1873—	Rev. Acmon P. Van Gieson..	"	N. B'n's'ck, N. J.
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I.—LICENSURES AND ORDINATIONS.

NAMES.	CLASSIS LICENSING.	DATE.	CLASSIS ORDAINING.	DATE.
Joseph P. Davis.....	Scholarie.....	.....	Albany.....	1874.
Alfred H. Denarest.....	New Brunswick.....	May 23, 1884.....	New York.....	May, 6,
G. A. T. Goebel.....	Bergen.....	.....	New York.....	Nov. 10,
R. H. Joldersma.....	Grand River.....	.....	Grand River.....	June 20,
Joel Loucks.....	Montgomery.....	May 27, 1884.....	Raritan.....	June 20,
D. H. Martin.....	New York.....	June 19, ".....	New York.....	Dec. 2,
D. Charles Preyer.....	Newark.....	May 23, ".....	Newark.....	July 9,
William Schmitz.....	New York.....	May 26, ".....	Raritan.....	June 20,
Bastian Smiltz.....	Michigan.....	.....	Kingston.....	.....
George H. Stephens.....	Raritan.....	May 28, 1884.....	.....	.....
Livingston L. Taylor.....	Newark.....	May 23, ".....	New Brunswick.....	Nov. 11,
Horace G. Underwood.....	Bergen.....	.....	Passaic.....	June 17,
J. Russell Verbrycke.....	New Brunswick.....	May 23, 1884.....	Raritan.....	June 20,
Garret Wyckoff.....	Passaic.....	May 27, ".....	Albany.....	Oct. 7,
Clarence M. Perlee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

II.—PASTORAL RELATIONS.

ECCLIASTICAL CHANGES AS REPORTED BY EACH CLASSIS IN THE ORDER OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Classis of Hudson.	CLASSIS FROM WHICH RECEIVED.	CLASSIS TO WHICH DISMISSED.	CHURCH, INSTALLED PASTOR OF	CHURCH, DISMISSED FROM.
H. P. Blair..... William Smith.....	Westchester.....		Ger mantown, May 13, '84.	Hudson, Aug. 1, 1884.
Classis of Kingston.				
Jas. Denarest, Jr..... V. M. Hulbert..... M. N. Oliver..... R. P. Milliken..... Bastian Smits.....	..... ..... Philadelphia..... Orange..... Michigan.....	..... ..... ..... ..... .....	Fort Plain, July 24, '84.	Clover Hill.
N. Classis of Long Island.				
E. Gutweiler..... M. L. Haines..... E. P. Terhune..... Alex. Shaw.....	..... ..... Hampden E. Association. Bergen, April 21, 1885..	..... ..... ..... .....	Jericho and Hicksville..... { Bedford Ave., B'klyn, } May 22, 1884. } L. I. City, May 14, 1885.	Long Island City. Astoria, March 16, 1885.
Classis of New York.				
G. A. T. Goebel..... William Schmits..... E. J. Runk.....	Bergen, May 26, 1884.... Westchester, May 26, '84.	Raritan, June 19, 1884.... Westchester, Oct. 21, '84.		Bronxville.

Classis of New York. CONTINUED.	CLASSIS FROM WHICH RECEIVED.	CLASSIS TO WHICH DISMISSED.	CHURCH, INSTALLED PASTOR OF	CHURCH, DISMISSED FROM
D. H. Martin.....	.....	.....	{ Union H. Bridge, Dec. } 2, 1884.	
Alf. H. Demarest.....	{ New Brunswick, Oct. } 21, 1884.	.....	Staten Island, Nov. 6, '84.	
F. C. Erhardt.....	Presb. Boston, Feb. 17, '85.	.....	{ Norfolk St., German, } Feb. 22, 1885.	
Classis of Orange.				
John T. Demarest.....	.....	.....	.....	New Prospect.
Classis of Westchester.				
Wm. S. Moore.....	Orange.	.....	.....
James Bolton.....	.....	.....	West Farms.....	Greenville.
Wm. E. Turner.....	Orange.....	.....	Greenburg.....	
Wm. T. Anderson.....	{ Presb. of Morris and } Orange.	.....	.....
M. M. Curtis.....	.....	Presb. Cleveland.....	.....
Jas. E. Graham.....	Bergen.....	.....	Greenville, May 14, 1885.	Hastings-on-Hudson.
Classis of Albany.				
Clarence M. Perlee.....	New York.....	.....	.....
Jos. P. Davis.....	Schoharie, May, 1884.....	.....	Clarksville, Oct. 7, 1884.	
J. W. Chapman.....	Suratoga, May, 1885.....	.....	Bethlehem, May, 1884....	
A. G. Lansing.....	.....	Ulster.....	.....

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.	CLASSIS FROM WHICH RECEIVED.	CLASSIS TO WHICH DISMISSED.	CHURCH, INSTALLED PASTOR OF	CHURCH, DISMISSED FROM.
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H. Ungland.....	Presb. Newark.....			
Frederick Kern.....	Presb. Winnebago.....			
E. Van Slyke.....		Greene.....		Syracuse.
J. M. Reiner.....				West Leyden.
Classis of Geneva.				
S. T. Cole.....		Ulster.....		
P. G. M. Bähler.....		Michigan.....		
T. C. Strong.....		Congregational Church..		
Fred. W. Ruble.....			Tyre.....	
Classis of Greene.				
E. N. Sebring.....	Scholarie.....		Leeds, Nov. 1, 1884.....	
E. Van Slyke.....	Cayuga.....		Catskill.....	
Classis of Montgomery.				
Joel Loucks.....		Raritan.....	South Branch.....	
John Minor.....		Westchester, Apr. 15, '85		Currytown, Apr. 21, 1885
P. A. Wessels.....				
Classis of Rensselaer.				
J. I. Gulick.....	Presb. Monmouth.....		Bloomington, Jan. 28, '85	

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.	CLASSIS FROM WHICH RECEIVED.	CLASSIS TO WHICH DISMISSED.	CHURCH, INSTALLED PASTOR OF	CHURCH, DISMISSED FROM.
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J. W. Bailey.....	Presb. of White Water..	West Troy, North.
Jno. G. Lansing.....	Congregational Church..	Schuylerville.
G. A. Mills.....	.....	Albany.....	.....	Schaghticoke.
J. W. Chapman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. G. Ackerman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Schenectady.				
N. F. Nickerson.....	Scholarie.....	.....	1st Glenville, Mar. 3, '85	.....
J. W. Hill.....	.....	Presb. of Dakota.....	.....	.....
Classis of Schoharie.				
A. F. Todd.....	.....	New Brunswick.....	.....	Breakabin.
E. N. Sebring.....	.....	Greene.....	.....	.....
Edward Miller.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Ulster.				
W. H. Van Doren.....	.....	.....	.....	West Hurley.
Classis of Grand River.				
J. Meulendyk.....	Holland.....	Fremont Centre.....	Ebenezer.
R. H. Joldersma.....	Spring Lake.....
G. Dangrenond.....	Detroit.....	Twin Lakes.

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	{ 8, 1884. }		
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John Simonson.....	Raritan, Oct. 14, 1884....		
Fred. Koechli.....	Raritan, Oct 14, 1884....		
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	{ July 18, 1884. }		
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	{ Nov. 11, 1884. }		
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Wm. Manchec.....	{ New Brunswick, Sept. } 16, 1884.....	2d Lodi, Aug. 11, 1884.....	
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Classis of Passaic.				
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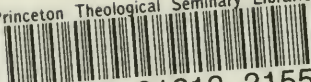
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